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EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**ONLINE BEGINNING AT 8 AM
IN PERSON AT 9:15 AT THE LABYRINTH AND
10:30 AM IN THE NAVE**

*Happy Easter! Whether you are celebrating online or in person, the good news of this day is the same.
Christ is risen, and we, too, are being raised to newness of life.*

At home, light the candle at your prayer space today and every time you gather there during Easter season.

Hymn 207 Jesus Christ is risen today, *sung by the cantor alone*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Greeting

Say together three times **Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 222

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians *I Corinthians 15:1-11, NRSV*

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Flowering of the Cross

Online, parishioners were invited to share pictures of flowers from home.

In person, the flowered cross is brought into the midst of the people.

Hymn 178 Alleluia No. 1, *sung by the cantor alone*

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark *Mark 16:1-8, NRSV*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Form II*

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishop Rob, and for our Companion Bishop Victor; for this congregation at home and present here; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for all who are poor, sick, hungry, oppressed, or in prison. Pray for all in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed . . . Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Peace

Online, the service concludes with the Easter Blessing and closing hymn. In person, we continue with Holy Eucharist.

Hymn 180 He is risen – *Online and 10:30 only*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore - sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*; Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 210 The day of resurrection, *sung by the cantor alone*

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch. . . der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)
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Organ *Final (Symphonie V)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Nelia Partain, Edward & Charley, Sam & Linda Harmon, Ashley Huie-Strong, the Sudayi family, Charlotte DuPriest, Joe Russell, William South, Henry Morrill, Maeve Morrill, Norma & Lowell Jergens, Joe Mills, Jack Tice, Gerald Boyd, Esther Thomas, Darius Slusher

Homebound members: Marianne Baxter, Carolyn Billings, Murray Craig, Charlotte DuPriest, Judy Harding, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas.

Those working in healthcare: Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Thomas (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowniczy*), Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashevskiy, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), LeighEllen Johnson (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Doug Venable (*Lisa Herring*)

Friends of the parish: Dean Griffith (*Michelle Young*), Rachel Davis (*Tasha Jones*), Dane, Suzie and Erik Westerlund (*Freeman McCluskey*), the Cadell family (*Freeman McCluskey*), Will Jones (*Tasha Jones*), Carolyn Billings

Those with continuing concerns: Bill Pauli, Mandy Ochoa, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Carlene Pawlowniczy, Sandra Wood, Gene Wells, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Debbie Young 4/4, Charlie Snipes 4/5, Sarah Barr 4/5, Clifford Swift 4/8, Michael Owen 4/8, Debbie Tompson 4/9, Chris Harman 4/9

Those celebrating anniversaries: Summer & Josh Flinn 4/6

Those who have died: Marge Henly 5/28/20, Connie McEwen 8/21/20, Jack Blalock 8/31/20, Harvey Hisaw 11/5/20, Chuck Bentfeld 1/27/21, Mike Edmondson 2/10/21

Announcements

Spring Workday: April 10, 9am-12pm. The Grounds Committee invites you help spring clean the grounds around St. Thomas. We'll work from 9-12 on April 17. Everyone should wear a mask, bring gloves and hand tools. For more information contact Ann Johnston.

St. Thomas Sunday "Tailgate." April 11, 2 - 3:30. A Socially Distanced "parking place party" – tailgate style! Bring a cooler with non-alcoholic beverages for your family, food donations for WNN, sidewalk chalk for kids, etc. We'll play some socially distanced games like cornhole and limbo, take some song requests and highlight some dancing!

Spiritual Adventures in Easter Season: Beginning April 13. When the pandemic began, we launched Daily Spiritual Adventures to keep the congregation informed and as a tool for spiritual formation at home. During Easter season, we will experiment with a three day a week format - Monday Events, Wednesday message from clergy, and Friday "This Sunday at St. Thomas." Devotional messages written by parishioners based on the resurrection stories of Jesus will accompany these emails. Let us know what you think!

In-Person Worship Options: Join us for worship in Easter season. We will continue to offer 8 am online from the chapel, 9:15 outside at the labyrinth, and 10:30 inside and online from the Nave. In addition, on first Sundays, join

us at 4 for Communion (Under Special Circumstances) by Car. On second Sundays, join us at 4 for Eucharist and Labyrinth Walk. And on third Sundays at 4, join us for Family Eucharist on the Lawn, a service focused on helping children worship and learn together.

Virtual Journey to the Holy Land: Join us on Sundays in Easter season as we (virtually) journey to the Holy Land with St. George's College in Jerusalem. Each week we will view together a Pilgrim Talk led by representatives from the college on a particular place in the Holy Land. We'll discuss these videos and different aspects of life in the Holy Land in both the ancient period and today.

Welcome Classes: April 18 & 25, after the 9:15 am service. For all who are new to St. Thomas and those who would like to learn more. Join us at the labyrinth following the 9:15 service for about 30 minutes of learning and discussion. Bring a prayer book and lawn chair if you have one, or use one of ours if you don't. March 14 with Fr. Edward: The Beginning and End of the Prayer Book (Daily Offices and Historical Documents); March 21 with Rev. Grace: The Middle of the Prayer Book (Marriage, Burials, Confession, etc.); April 18 with Fr. Edward: The Liturgy for Eucharist; April 25 with Rev. Grace: Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception into the Episcopal Church. If you can't join us on Sundays, an online option will be offered on Tuesdays at noon following each class.

St. Thomas Day School Enrollment: St. Thomas Day School is now enrolling for early registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Ages range from 6 weeks to 5 years old. We currently have 1 infant room, two toddler rooms, two 2 year old rooms and 1 three year old class and 1 Pre-K class. Church and Military Discounts are given. For more information, please call Kym Futch in the school office at 706-324-1268.