

EASTER DAY
APRIL 9, 2023

Hymns
207
296
174
205

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Many parishioners arrive at church early to prepare for worship through silent prayer and reflection. This is also a time when worshippers review the week's scripture readings and notices. Please be considerate of those near you during this meditative period of our worship together.

*Please take this lesson insert home with you
to study the lessons during the week
and to keep abreast of upcoming events*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 of 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 for ever.

Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is / good; *
his / mercy en/dures for / ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now pro-/ claim, *
“His / mercy en/dures for / ever.”
- 14 The Lord is my / strength and my / song, *
and he has be-/ come / my sal/vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul/tation and / victory *
— / in the / tents of the / righteous:
- †16 “The right hand of the / Lord has / triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right / hand of the / Lord has / triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not / die, but / live, *
and de/clare the / works of the / Lord.
- 18 The Lord has / punished me / sorely, *
but he did not / hand me / over to / death.
- 19 Open for me the / gates of / righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will / offer / thanks to the / Lord.
- 20 “This is the / gate of the / Lord; *
— / he who is / righteous may / enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, / for you / answered me *
and have be/come / my sal/vation.
- 22 The same stone which the / builders re/jected *
has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.
- 23 This is the / Lord’s / doing, *
and it is / marvelous / in our / eyes.
- 24 On this day the / Lord has / acted; *
we will re/**joice** / and be / glad in it.

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

All stand, as they are able.

The ☩ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord;” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn No. 207
Sequence Hymn No. 296
Anthem: *Lift Your Voice, Rejoicing*
Communion Hymn No. 174
Closing Hymn No. 205

Easter Hymn
Engleberg
Roland E. Martin
Salzburg
Gelobt sei Gott

Voluntaries:

Easter Hymn
Canzona per sonare No. 2
Toccata (from Symphonie V)

Robert J. Powell
Giovanni Gabrieli
Charles-Marie Widor

Easter Brass

Ryan Evans & Richard Neckermann, trumpet
Nicholas Gonzalez, trombone
Colin Holstein, tuba

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to those who sponsored Easter Flowers & Brass! (see insert). Please look for the weekly flower calendar in the hallway and consider sponsoring Sunday flowers in thanksgiving or memory of someone in your life. Without your donation, the money for flowers must be found elsewhere.

Reminders THIS WEEK:

The church offices will be closed this week.

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- **Sunday, April 16: The Commissioning of the Discernment Committee**, which marks the beginning of our search for a new rector, will take place during the Sunday service. Please, plan to attend this important event.
- **Friday, May 5: The Cinco de Mayo Pub Night**, sponsored by St. Mary's Circle, welcomes any and all volunteers to help with this fun event. Please speak with Karen Keese if you can volunteer.

We are currently recycling plastic and paper in the clearly marked bins located next to the kitchen door in the parish hall.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the tan sheet in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

SERVING THIS WEEK:

10:00 a.m.

Presider: The Rev. Rick Stravers
Preacher: The Rev. Rick Stravers
Deacon: The Rev. Trish Harris
Sub-Deacon: Karmel Addis
Lector: Yvette Petti
Intercessor: Kent Bieberich
Thurifer: Jodi Nickerson
Crucifer: Lori Kiess
Torches: Aleise Carpenter & Grady Petronski
Chalice: The Rev. Trish Harris, Karmel Addis
& Karen Keese
Altar Chapter: Bob Harberts, Elsie Gibson & Mira Wuerges
Ushers: Ken Surprenant, Roy & Brenda Hillman
A/V Tech: Laurel Stravers