



WE WELCOME YOU WARMLY AS YOU JOIN US IN OUR WORSHIP OF THE RISEN LORD. The Anglican Communion, of which St James' Church is a part, is an authentic branch of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Its doctrine and worship is that of the Apostles and the earliest centuries of Christianity. Believing in the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Anglican Communion holds that Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation. It confesses the decrees of the Ecumenical Councils of the primitive Church as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

**Second Sunday of Easter:
Thomas Sunday
April 19th, 2020**

Mass at 10:00am (Streamed via the Internet)

The Liturgy begins on page 351 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Hymns are found in the 1982 Hymnal.

Prelude

Prelude on "O Filii et Feliae"—Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Entrance Hymn

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

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Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

The Celebrant greets the people, saying

✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

Chant Style Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen. R.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Lesson A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 22-32)

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the multitude, "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope. For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.' Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses." "

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual (Psalm 118:19-24)

Simplified Anglican Chant

Open for me the gates of **righteousness**;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the **Lord**.
"This is the gate of the **Lord**;
He who is righteous may **enter**."

I will give thanks to you, for you **answered me**
And have become my **salvation**.
The same stone which the builders **rejected**
Has become the chief **cornerstone**.

This is the Lord's **doing**,
And it is marvelous in our **eyes**.
On this day the Lord has **acted**;
We will rejoice and be **glad in it**.

Epistle A reading from the First Letter of Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel *John 20:19-31*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your

finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for George, our Bishop, Richard, our priest and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant and People say together the Prayer for our Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings Birthdays: Thompson Matteson, Worth Matteson (21), Carolyn Brown (22), Anne Douglas (25); **Wedding Anniversaries:** Bill & Rosalie Griffin (19) Tombo & Tabitha Collins, John & Nanette Power (21), Tommy & Rebecca Potter (23), Bob & DeMita Torrans (24)

(Altar Flower Thanksgivings and Parish Prayer List are at the end of this bulletin.)

Music at the Offertory

Surrexit Christus (Christ is Risen)—Giovanni Pergolesi arr. Richard Proulx
(recorded by the Choir of St. James' Parish, Eastertide 2012)

Eucharistic Prayer D

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer D continues

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Our Father...

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Spiritual Act of Communion

This prayer is to be said while the Priest takes his Communion.

In union, O dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Your Church, where Your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from You. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

(The above prayer was compiled in 1916 by the Anglican Bishop of Melanesia, The Rt. Rev'd Cecil John Wood.)

Thanksgiving after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the Blessing, saying:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Dismissal Hymn

Truro

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

3. Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

4. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Postlude

Alleluyas—Simon Preston (b. 1938)

The Flowers at the Altar are Given to the Glory of Almighty God and: In thanksgiving for the life of CYNTHIA HOLLINGSWORTH and remembering her birthday, April 16th. – by her family; and, by DeMITA and BOB TORRANS in thanksgiving for their life together and in celebration of their twenty-first wedding anniversary, April 24th; and by Lova and Glen Wile in loving memory of their parents, DOROTHEA and PAUL ZIELINSKI and RUBY and ARTHUR WILE.

PRAYER LIST: Steve, Norma, Jenny, Brook, Robyn, Loyetta, Clara, Paul, Jimmy, Bryce, Lindy, Pat, George, Helen, Lisa, Sue, Tammy, Janice, Randy, Nina G., Sandra B., Kelley, Robert, Jack, Elnora, Joe, Glen, Kimberly, Darlene, Callie, Sheliya, Michelle, Bill, Chuck, Anna, Scott, Phil, Barbara, Ron, Ralph, David, Marsha, Terry, Christi, David, Carri Jo, Zayleigh, Sherry, Carol, Jim, Virginia, Barbara, Mary Louise, Barbara, Marilyn, Danielle, B., Faye, Debbie, Lynn, Sam, Shine, Lynn. **Those serving our country:** Charles, Michael H. Michael E., Sage, Steven, DJ, Matthew, Alexander.

Death Anniversary: None this week.