



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
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Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, April 15, 2018

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn: He is risen, he is risen

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

Gloria:

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray together

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from 11 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: O sons and daughters let us sing

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The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:36b-48

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Rev. Loree Penner

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The Peace

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The Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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Thanksgiving for the ministry of Vicki Sappe

The Offertory: Be thou my vision

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Doxology

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

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Sanctus

The Communion of the People (St. Thomas' extends the invitation to all baptized members of any Christian Church to receive the consecrated bread and wine. Please come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail.)

Communion Hymn: I am the Bread of Life #335

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Recessional Hymn: Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness #492

Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~~~ CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16th ~~~

**\*Jill out of the office April 16-22.**

Monday, April 16th: 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 17th: 6:30pm- EfM (Room 6), 7pm- Campus Hills Community Association Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 18th: 7pm- Johns Hopkins Parkinson's (Fellowship Hall), 7pm- City Light Music Practice (Church)

Thursday, April 19th: 6pm- Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Support Group (Fellowship Hall), 7:30pm- Music Practice

Friday, April 20th: 12pm- Loch Raven Network Spring Donation Drive (Fellowship Hall), 7pm- AA Meeting (Classroom #7)

Saturday, April 21st: 9am- Loch Raven Network Spring Donation Drive (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 22nd: 9:30am- Worship Service (Church), 10:30am- Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)

~~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~~

Altar Guild For the month of April, Wafers have been given in memory of Martha Gaylor by George Gaylor. The arrangements on the altar are given in Thanksgiving by our St. Thomas' family. For the month of April, Wine, Branch Candles, Sanctuary Candle, Eucharist Candles, and altar arrangements for the 4th and 5th Sundays are available. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com, or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

Join us today after service in the Fellowship Hall to thank Vicki Sappe for all her years of hard work chairing our Christmas Bazaar.

Church Wreaths: We are refurbishing or replacing the wreaths on the front church doors. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can purchase a wreath for a 20 dollar offering or for the same price you can purchase two boxes to protect them. Please contact Jan Bahner at janbahner@gmail.com if you would like to help, or put your gift into the offering plate.

The Forum: Beginning April 15, our Sunday Forum will focus on Daring Greatly – letting go of fear and living a life of joy and peace. Our book will be *Unafraid: Trusting God in an Unsafe World*, by Susie Davis. Susie experienced one of the first school shootings in the country in 1978. Her story of loss, fear, rejection of God and subsequent renewal of faith and learning to live without fear will inspire you. The book is available on Kindle for 1.99 and in paperback for more. It may also be available at the Baltimore County Library.

Cookies for Kids Cancer Bake Sale: Madison Zollickoffer's Girl Scout Brownie Troop 587 is hosting a bake sale at coffee hour on Sunday, April 15th. They researched an organization that they believe makes an impact in kid's lives for World Thinking Day. They chose Cookies for Kids Cancer to make an impact of their own. The troop is baking tasty treats, making decorations for their bake table and looking forward to seeing you on the 15th!

The Loch Raven Network Spring Drive for Students: You can help a school help their students. Bring your donations of clothing, toiletries, household goods, school supplies, non-perishable food and new linens to St. Thomas' Fellowship Hall during the times listed below. A more detailed list of items in need can be found in the Narthex.

Drop Off Times:

Friday, APRIL 20, 12:00 PM TO 5:00 P.M., and

Saturday, APRIL 21, 9:00 AM TO 3:00 P.M.

Church Clean Up Day (April 21st, 9:00AM): All hands are needed at the church on Saturday, April 21st! We've rented a dumpster, and will be doing some Spring cleaning. The property committee has an extensive list of upkeep, repairs and cleaning to be done to keep our treasured church property in good shape, so please consider volunteering. Do as much, or as little as you can. Every bit is appreciated.

Town Hall Meeting (April 22): April 22, we will have our first Town Hall Meeting. This is a short meeting of the congregation after church to let you know of events coming up and to hear people's comments and concerns. The Town Hall Meetings will be held quarterly.

Benefit Concert & Hymn Sing (April 29)

On April 29th, at 3pm, there will be a free Benefit Concert and Hymn Sing at Towson Presbyterian Church on 400 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204. There will be performances by Ascension Lutheran Church Handbell Choir, Central Presbyterian Church Choir, Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church Choir, and Towson Presbyterian Choir. Light refreshments will be available in Thompson Hall. A free will offering for donations to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches is encouraged.

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Encounters (CRASE) course, May 19th: The CRASE course is designed and built on an "avoid, deny and defend" strategy. The course provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. *Course contains content that may not be suitable for children 10 years of age and younger. The course is free, and will be in the Fellowship Hall at St. Thomas'. Officer William Burton of the Baltimore County Police Department will be the presenter.

Third Wall Productions will be performing Jekyll & Hyde here at St. Thomas' (May 11-20). Come see what all the hype is about, and support this amazing community theatre and St. Thomas'.

Merchandise and tickets available at: our.show/thirdwall/jekyllandhyde

Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need: Mo Otradovec, Dottie D., Ronnie L., Jan Jr., David J., Jeri Adams, Robert Yoos, Andrew Bures, Bill D. and Rick D.

And for those who are homebound: Theresa Welsh, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter, Curtis Meador, and Dan Licht.

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