

ST. THOMAS' PARISH
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

St. Thomas' Parish: A People who are sent



In Luke 10, Jesus sends seventy of his followers ahead of him to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. St. Thomas' Parish has begun a similar journey. In the beginning of 2017, we moved out from our building for the next two years.

During that time, we will build a new church building which will position us to be better stewards and a resource to our surrounding community. During our construction, we are a church without a building of our own. This has strengthened our congregation and brought us closer together.

We are not in the process of not just waiting for a new church building. The people of St. Thomas' Parish are actively reengaging our city and discovering what God is doing in our midst. Our congregation is partnering with other congregations across Washington, DC. We give thanks to the Universalist National Memorial Church for letting us use this space on Sunday morning. We also meet at people's homes, restaurants, and other places across the city.

If you want to join us in the mission of discovering the Kingdom of God here in Washington, DC, then we invite you to join us.

Prelude

“Prelude No. 15 ‘Raindrop’”

Chopin

Hymn 182

“Christ is Alive”

Salve festa dies

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant then says

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.**

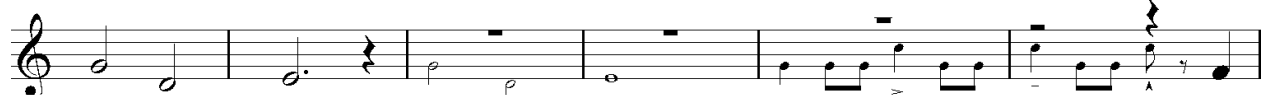
Hymn of Praise



1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est and
peace to God's peo-ple on Earth. Lord God, heaven - ly One, al -
might - y God, cre - a - tor, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Child of our Mak - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the High - est: re -



ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God, E - ter - nal. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

✦ *All sit*

Reading – 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.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Halle, Halle”

✠ *All stand. A cantor sings a verse and then all sing the refrain twice before the Gospel and refrain once after the Gospel.*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody from the first system. It includes a second line of lyrics, "Hal - le - lu - jah!", which is a refrain. The notation is consistent with the first system.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn with the same melody and lyrics as the first system.



The Holy Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Mr. Jeremy Ayers MDiv.

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*



The 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been adapted for more inclusive language.

Prayers of the People

✠ *All remain standing as able.*

Celebrant: Come to us Lord Jesus, be at our table. As you visited with your disciples after your resurrection and ate with them. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest today and in our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, we pray, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

For those who are hungry for your touch, ready for your healing. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For your world and your children, especially those living in Syria. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our nation and all in authority throughout the world with the breath of your peace, that they may share their possessions with the poor and strive for justice. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those creatures who are misunderstood, for all who are abused, may there be loving care. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have not known love, for those who struggle to care for their fellow human beings. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those who live in fear, for those who bring fear to others, may there be justice and peace. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those living with emotional and physical wounds, for those confounded by death and loss, for those who are suffering from addiction, may there be hope for new life. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

For those who want to understand more, for those who are content, may minds and hearts remain open. In our joy, disbelieving, and wondering, Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

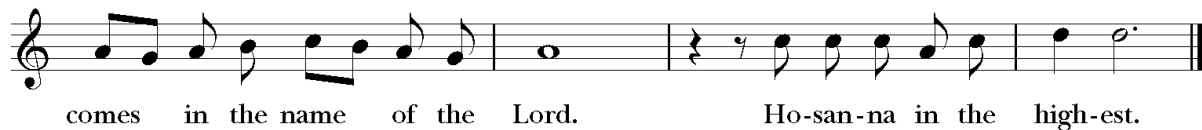
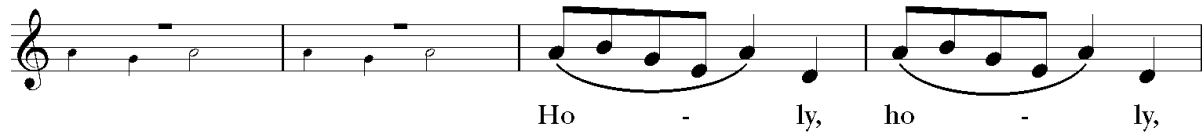
Celebrant: O God, hear the prayers of your people and come to us now, as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of The Lord be always with you. **People:** **And also with you.**

Announcements (see insert)

I IS RIGHT AND A GOOD and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

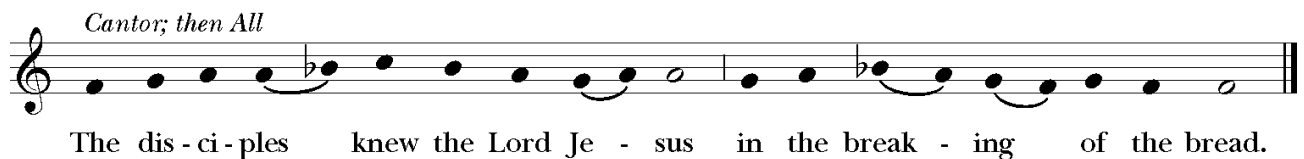
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

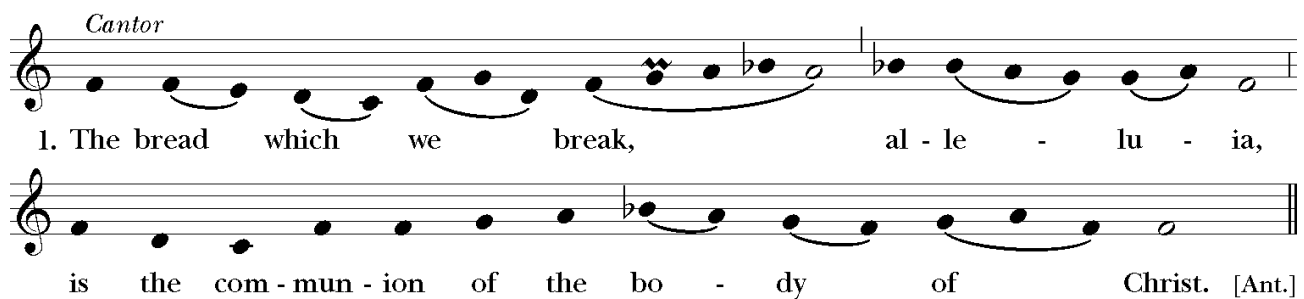
✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing*

Cantor; then All



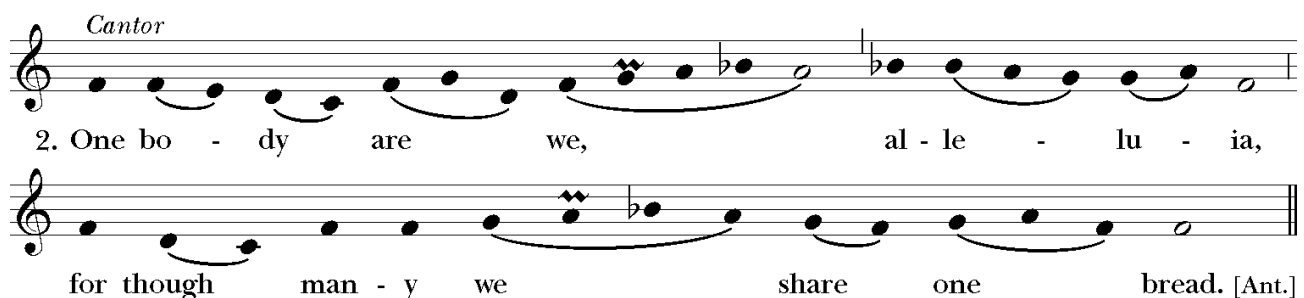
The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia,
is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia,
for though man-y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

☒ *Communion will be directed by the ushers. Return via the side aisles.*

Communion Hymn 306 “Come Risen Lord and Deign to be our Guest” *Sursum Corda*



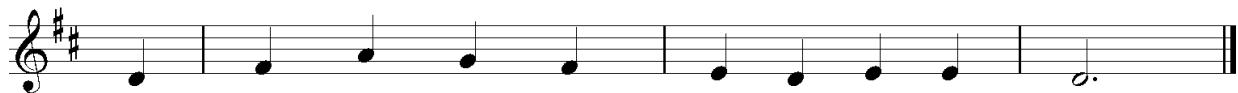
1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
“This is my Bo - dy”; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Prayer after Communion

Enriching our Worship

☒ *All stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray

LOVING GOD, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

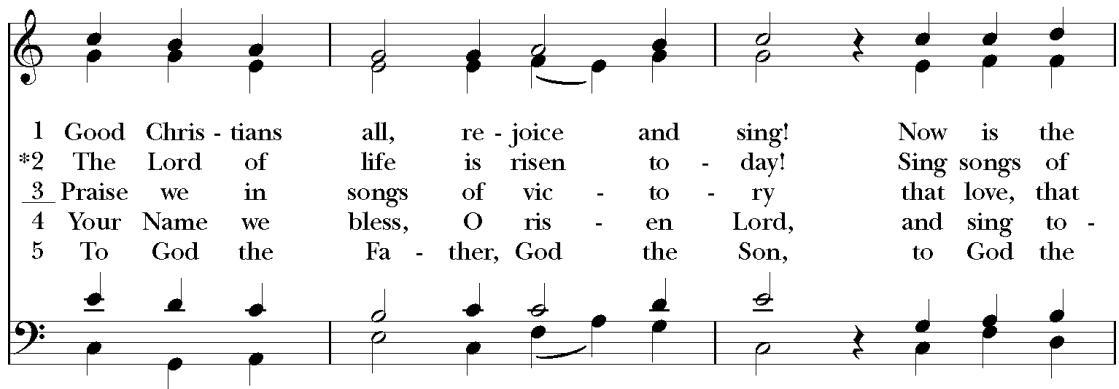
Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

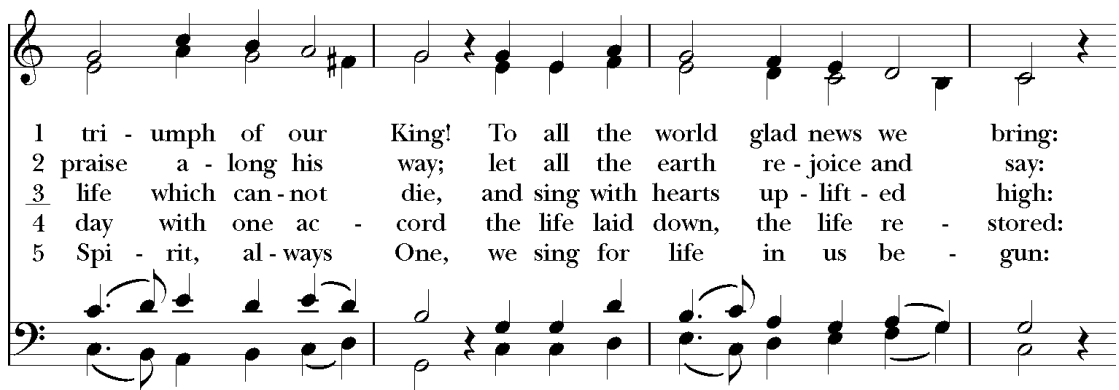
Hymn 205

“Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing”

Gelobt sei Gott



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“Prelude in F Major”

Bach

Join us after the service in the parlor for coffee and refreshments





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