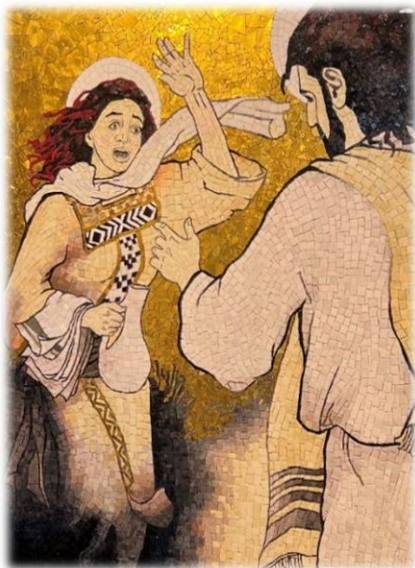


# St Thomas Anglican

*Loving God. Loving each other. Loving our neighbours.*

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 – 10 a.m..



## Holy Eucharist & Baptism

***Celebrant:*** Rev. Lorie Martin

***Musicians:*** Christine Millar and Music Team

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Stó:lō peoples. May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation, reparation, and healing.

# The Gathering of the Community

Happy Easter! We welcome you to the Parish of St. Thomas and this special baptismal service. May you be blessed with the presence of God and filled with light and grace to live in peace.

**Prelude by the Worship Team:** Resurrection Hymn

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

**May Christ fill our hearts with joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sun of Righteousness,  
**so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts  
as we celebrate our redemption,  
that we may see your way to our eternal home,  
where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Opening Song:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CP 203

*All candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.*

**Collect**

God of risen life and healing power, through the glorious resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in Christ. **May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, live in fullness with Christ in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever.**

**Song of praise:** O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

*Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*Chorus x2*

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## **A Bidding for Easter**

Dear friends,  
as we celebrate Christ's rising from the dead,  
let us call the whole universe to share our joy:  
heaven, earth, all adults and children,  
mountains, prairies, oceans, rivers,  
birds and beasts, wild and tame,  
everything that moves, stands, grows, or sits still.

**Out of darkness has come light,  
out of bitter, sweet, out of evil, good.  
For evil scatters,  
shame runs away,  
innocence blooms once more,  
we sing in our chains, we embrace in our fear,  
we kneel in deep quietude, we thrill in stillness.**

As we hear the story of our salvation, speech fails.  
**In silence and in music  
let us bring before the Source of life and light  
our awe and wonder, our joy and laughter,  
our thanks and praise,  
our everlasting adoration.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

**Gradual:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

CP 211, v 1, 2, 3

**Gospel reading:** John 20:1-18

Rev. Lorie

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus 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. <sup>2</sup>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.'

<sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

<sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look <sup>[a]</sup>into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

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.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, <sup>[b]</sup> ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>

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.”’

<sup>18</sup> 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 Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Gradual:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

CP 211, v 4

**Sermon:** The Rev. Lorie Martin

*Reflection*

*Please stand as you are able to face the Baptismal font.*

*Baptismal candidates, their sponsors, family, friends, and those supporting them are invited to gather around.*

**Song as we process to the font:** *Same Love*

You choose the humble and raise them high  
You choose the weak and make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside  
And give us life

*The same love that set the captives free*

*The same love that opened eyes to see*

*Is calling us all by name*

*You are calling us all by name*

*The same God that spread the heavens wide*

*The same God that was crucified*

*Is calling us all by name*

*You are calling us all by name*

You take the faithless one aside

And speak the words, “You are Mine”

You call the cynic and the proud

“Come to Me now”

*Chorus*

You're calling You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross  
You're calling You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross

*Chorus*

You're calling You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross  
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## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates: Faith Tisdale and Alex Affleck**

Faith, do you desire to be baptized?

**I do.**

Alex, do you desire to be baptized?

**I do.**

St. Thomas family, will you be responsible for seeing that Faith and Alex are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

**I will, with God's help.**

Friends, will you by your prayers and witness help these children of God to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

Faith and Alex, do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

Grant, O Lord,  
that all who are baptized  
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son  
may live in the power of his resurrection  
and look for him to come again in glory;  
who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Let us, here at St. Thomas, those who want to, join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**



## **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is baptized with water.*

Faith, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of each one using chrism  
(holy oil).*

Faith, I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Alex, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alex, I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father,

**we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon  
these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the  
new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an  
inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a  
spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your  
works. Amen.**

*Baptismal party and those with them, please move to the front  
of the church.*

## **The Giving of the Light**

*A baptismal candle is given – lit from the Paschal Candle.*

Receive the light of Christ,

To show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others**

**That they may see your good works**

**and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Faith, we receive you into the household of God.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,**

**And share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Alex, we receive you into the household of God.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,**

**And share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Song:** *Same Love*

You choose the humble and raise them high  
You choose the weak and make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside / And give us life

*The same love that set the captives free  
The same love that opened eyes to see  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name  
The same God that spread the heavens wide  
The same God that was crucified  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name*

You're calling You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross  
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**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory:** The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
Hear his people sing

*Hallelujah, hallelujah  
For the Lord Almighty reigns  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
All the church will sing

*Chorus*

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the prize salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring  
The mighty chorus rising to the King

*Chorus x2*

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God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day,  
**and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life  
in baptism, and all people, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through  
Jesus Christ our friend and helper.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.  
We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city  
and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time  
when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors  
journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land,  
were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They  
knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in  
dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened  
to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal  
and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**♪ 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.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast, and bread.

On the night before Jesus died, he took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me✠.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me✠.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

*♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the children of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**All are welcome at Communion.**

*All are welcome. Two hands for bread. One hand for wafer. Gluten free available. Sip the wine or touch the chalice. We cannot dip the bread in the wine. Please come up the centre aisle to the end of the altar rail and exit down the side aisles if you are able.*

**Communion Song: It Was Finished Upon the Cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining,  
though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father, Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness, Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory, to my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that Cross.  
It was finished upon that Cross. It was finished upon that Cross.

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**Communion Song: Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the gift, it has been given.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
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God of life,  
**we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,  
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

Glory to God,  
**whose power working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Closing song:** The Day of Resurrection

CP 205

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**\*\*TODAY'S SERVICE \*\***

**March 31, 10 a.m.:**

***Easter Sunday – Holy Eucharist***

**Gospel reading:** John 20: 1-18, Rev. Lorie

**Lay administrator:** Leslie Roach

**Eucharist Assistant:** Tyler Carico, Nancy den Boesterd

**Greeters/Sides people:** Dennis Horvath and Liberty Murombedzi

**\*\*NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE \*\***

**April 7, 10 a.m.:**

***Second Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist***

**First reading:** Acts 4:32-35, Deb E.

**Psalm:** Psalm 133, Rev. Lorie

**Second reading:** 1 John 1:1-2:2, Deb E.

**Gospel reading:** John 20:19-31, Jan Guretzki

**Prayers of the People:** BettyAnn Martin

**Lay administrator:** Shauna Fortin

**Eucharist Assistant:** Nancy den Boesterd

**Greeters/Sides people:** Deb Edwards and Johanna Mdoe



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