

St Thomas Anglican

Loving God. Loving each other. Loving our neighbours.

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7 – 10 a.m..



Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Lorie Martin

Musicians: Jennifer McGregor 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.



St. Thomas

ANGLICAN CHURCH

1873 - 2023

Welcome to St. Thomas! We're so glad you are here!

St. Thomas is an inclusive, caring Christian faith community. However you understand yourself, and however you describe yourself is fine with us! Your background, race, gender, orientation, and spiritual journey are welcomed and celebrated here.

We endeavour to listen and pray with God's grace and actively live out what we pray. We aim to be a diverse Christian family within the community, empowering individuals, and families to grow in their relationships with God and one another.

It is our desire to be guided by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of Jesus Christ as we share God's love with all.



Children are welcome at St Thomas! St. Thomas is intentional with spiritual formation for all ages.

Children 4 years and older will be invited during the service to **Children's Circle** – learning with a Montessori approach to wonder, engage with stories, activities, and crafts. Adults can take them to the upper room or they can go with the leaders who will meet them at the back.

Children are also welcome to take activity pages and a clipboard to their seats. Families with toddlers can use the play space in the church or the little room upstairs next to the washroom.

Please let Laura or Lorie know of any helpful ways church could work for your family.

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The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Loving God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

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.

Opening Song: Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

CP 220

Collect

Beautiful God,

You raised your Beloved from the dead,

redeeming all of life,

grant us grace to hear his voice

calling us each by name,

and the courage to follow him

to share the good news of your love.

We ask in the name of Jesus, the risen Christ,

Amen.

Children's Circle: four years old + are invited to the story and activity time in the upper room.

Song of praise: Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son

I believe in the Risen One

I believe I overcome

By the power of His blood

Amen, amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, amen

*Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)*

I was dead in the grave

I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name

He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life

My future in His hand

Chorus x2

Because He lives

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The Proclamation of the Word

First reading: Acts 4:32-35

Deb Edwards

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Rev. Lorie

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
**upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
**For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.**

Second reading: I John 1:1-2:2

Deb Edwards

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CP 649, 1 & 2

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

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 have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CP 649, 3 & 4

Sermon: Rev. Lorie Martin

Reflection

Please stand as you are able for 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,
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.

Prayers of the People

BettyAnn Martin

Beloved Saviour: please guide and help us to follow your ways.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

**through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Offertory: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness CP 397

Source Eternal,

we bring our offerings to you.

**We thank you for this bread and wine, gifts of your creation,
and for these resources generously shared.**

We thank you for Jesus: God with us. Amen.

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 indeed right and good,
our honour and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Holy One, all-loving and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

....Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, Loving Creator, because when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' ✠

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.' ✠

Generous God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, his death, his risen life.

.... And now with Thomas and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

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.

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

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

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All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep

*Come, Lord Jesus, come / Come, Lord Jesus, come
(repeat)*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
(repeat)

Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
(repeat)

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Loving Creator,
**we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands
the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord we have shared
this bread and wine, we share new life in Christ.**

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: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 378

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in the world and share your love.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Join us for **Coffee Time** in the hall after church
+ activities available for kids!

Thank you!



A **special thank you** to the teams that contributed to an amazing Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday: Christine and music team, Casey on sound, Jan and altar guild, Deb and the Cross team, Nancy in the office, and the Eucharist server team! Also thank you to Joanna for all the amazing photos, Irene and Tina for the cookies and the hospitality team, and to Faith & Alex and your families for blessing us with your joyous presence! And thanks be to God forever! A glorious week to remember and linger in! **Alleluia!**

The Anglican Foundation of Canada has awarded St. Thomas \$7,500 for some of the necessary repairs and maintenance! **Thank you AFC!**



Community

Community Care



Please pray for ...

- Brian Buckley as he recovers from surgery;
 - Karin and Newland Gibson;
 - Irene and Ted Tisdale.
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You are also invited to add your **prayer requests** to the page by the baptismal font as you enter the sanctuary.

They will be prayed for in the service that week (unless otherwise marked). *Your request(s) will be taken to the*

intercessor a few minutes before the service begins.

Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast is a chance to enjoy fellowship of those who share some common interests and meet each other at least most Sundays



at St. Thomas. Please join us! Our next one will be held at **Jimmy J's restaurant, Saturday, April 27, at 8 AM.** Phone me if you are interested in attending. Thanks/Wayne Adams – 1-604-845-7234.

Spiritual Formation



See the new Centre for Spiritual Renewal brochure or online for gatherings and opportunities to grow in grace.



Healing Eucharist on Fridays

All are welcome

Healing Eucharist is on pause until April 19.

Transforming Questions - Learning Workshops



Can we question our faith? Why is there suffering? Who is Jesus? What is being an Anglican? Does God answer prayer? How should we live? How do I read the Bible?

Next workshop is Saturday, April 6, 10 am-12 pm

Sign up in the Narthex.



*Coffee & Conversation
evening with LGBTQIA2S+
friends*

Tuesday, April 16, 7–9 pm.
at St. Thomas Chilliwack
(in the sanctuary)

Guest: Reverend David Taylor

The purpose of these evenings is to meet others, share stories with various guests, engage with thoughtful questions and meaningful experiences whereby we grow, learn, and support each other.

A no-fee event.

Sign up in the Narthex, or register at
<https://www.stthomaschilliwack.com/events>.

Exploring Truth and Reconciliation **Sunday, April 21 from 12-2 in the hall after coffee**



With Kerry Baisley, Missioner for Indigenous Justice for the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster since 2020.

How do you define the word “Reconciliation?”
We will explore how

the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was formed and the 94 Calls to Action contained in the report. Working with Craft and Regan’s book, *Pathways of Reconciliation*, we will explore a variety of pathways or processes that support the work of Reconciliation.



Register at <https://www.stthomaschilliwack.com/events>

****TODAY'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

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

April 14, 10 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist

First reading: Acts 3:12-19, Andrea McRae.

Psalm: Psalm 4, Rev. Lorie

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-7, Andrea McRae

Gospel reading: Luke 24: 36b-48, Nancy den Boesterd

Prayers of the People: Jan Guretzki

Lay administrator: Andrea McRae

Eucharist Assistant: Lesley MacMillan and Joanna Bravo

Greeters/Sides people: Doug Renwick and Deb Alford



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