

12 April 2026

10:30 a.m.



"Christ shows himself to Thomas" Artists: Rowan and Irene LeCompte

## Second Sunday of Easter

St. John's Anglican Church  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall  
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

*Heritage*  *Faith*  *Vision*  
St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Music before the Service:

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit,

J. C. Kittel (1732-1809)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

*Standing, we sing together:*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

LOBE DEN HERREN

### OPENING GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.**

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.

### THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. "But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

*Together we read the Psalm,*

PSALM 16

**Refrain:** In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. **Refrain**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**Refrain**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **Refrain**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **Refrain**

*Sitting, we listen to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

*Standing, we sing:*

GRADUAL HYMN

97 Jesus came, the heavens adoring

ST. THOMAS

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue 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.**

*Sitting, we listen to the sermon.*

THE SERMON

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, you have called us to abide in your love, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

**God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole people of God, that we may be faithful to our calling, exploring our hopes and dreams, our doubts and fears in conversation with Christ. Empower us to receive and proclaim the good news of the Easter message.

**God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. Bring healing to your people, safeguard them in body, mind and spirit. Be present to all in need of Your loving touch, encourage, strengthen and uphold all who are weary and safeguard us from fear and anxiety and keep us always in your peace.

**God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find strength and hope. Into God's hands we commend them.

**God of light and joy, hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. **Amen.**

*Standing for:*

THE SHEMAH

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

214 The Lamb's high banquet called to share      ST. VENANTIUS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

### SANCTUS

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn within us, that we may recognize and welcome him as host and anticipate the day when we will feast with him in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

THE COMMUNION

*(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)*

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION HYMN

57 Thou, who at thy first eucharist pray

SONG 1

*Standing, we pray the*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish us. Send us forth as witnesses to the resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Amen.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

300 Christ is made the sure foundation      WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C major, BWV 545

J S Bach (1685-1750)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group

Wednesday 9:30

Church choir practice

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00

Assisting with the Service today:

Lector: Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lector: Hannah Griffin, Duncan Crowdis

Licensed Lay Minister: Robert Ripley

### Choir Members Wanted

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, we would gladly welcome new members. No experience is necessary but experienced singers are very welcome.. We are in particular need of bass members. Please contact the Director of Music, Donald Russell, if you are interested. You can speak with him after the service or contact him by email at *russell.kimberwick@me.com*