

St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church

**Sunday, April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:15 a.m. – Rite Two**



Welcome!

**The mission of St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal
Church is to feed all God's people.
We invite you to join us.**

ENTRANCE HYMN *Jesus, our mighty Lord (Monk's Gate) (H 478)*



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE: *Gloria (Canterbury Mass)*

Stephen Sturk

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
 glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King, al - might - y
 God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
 thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, 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 Fa - ther: 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 the Fa - ther. 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for

God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

[Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. David Jackson

THE 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

**He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – CALLS TO SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY HYMN *The Lord Is My Shepherd* (LEVAS 104)

1. The Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;
 2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,
 3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;
 4. Let good - ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest;—
 2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear;—
 3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er;—
 4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - bove;—

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow, —
 2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay; —
 3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head; —
 4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod, —

1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;
 2. No _____ harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;
 3. O _____ what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed.
 2. No _____ harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near.
 3. O _____ what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: *Sanctus (Canterbury Mass)*

Stephen Sturk

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and
7 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
12 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
18 Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est._____

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

THE GREAT AMEN (*Canterbury Mass*)

Stephen Sturk



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION
Gluten-free Wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN *You Hear the Lambs a-Cryin'* (LEVAS 110)

You hear the lambs a - cry-in', hear the lambs a - cry - in',

hear the lambs a - cry-in' O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You feed my sheep.

1. My Sav-ior spoke these words so sweet, say-in',
Oo O Shep-herd, feed my sheep,

"Pe-ter, if you love me, feed my sheep."
Oo O Shep-herd, feed my sheep. You

2. O Lord, I love thee, thou dost know;
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
O give me grace to love thee more
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

3. O wasn't that an awful shame?
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.
He hung three hours in mortal pain.
O Shepherd, feed my sheep.

CHOIR HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth'* (by John Rutter)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *To God with gladness sing (Camano)* (H 399)

Descant

3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his

1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sa - vior
2 He cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of
3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly

on - ly Son, your voic - es raise to him who

bless; in - to his tem - ple bring your songs of
earth; he made the sea and land, he brought the
Son, your voice in hom - age raise to him who

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system is marked 'Descant' and features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are: '3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his'. The second system continues the melody and includes three numbered verses of lyrics: '1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sa - vior', '2 He cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of', and '3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly'. The final line of the score includes the lyrics: 'on - ly Son, your voic - es raise to him who', 'bless; in - to his tem - ple bring your songs of', 'earth; he made the sea and land, he brought the', and 'Son, your voice in hom - age raise to him who'.

makes all one! O Dove on
 thank - ful - ness! O God of might, to
 world to birth! O God Most High, we
 makes all one! O Dove of peace, on
 us de - scend, joy in - crease!
 you we sing, en - throned as King on hea - ven's height!
 are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!
 us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

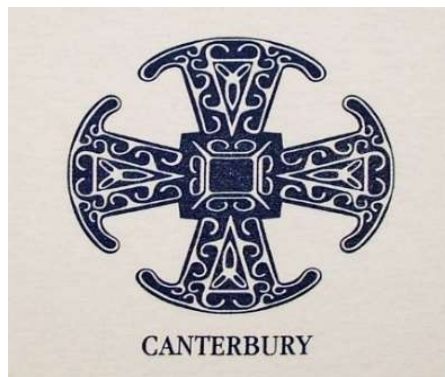
DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit and doing the loving thing. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for the Coffee Hour after the service today.



Upcoming Events at St. Thomas of Canterbury

General Announcements:

- **Personal Prayer with our Stephen Ministers** Stephen Ministers will be in the chapel area of the church following each service to pray with you. Anything you wish to share with a Stephen Minister will remain confidential.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday, April 21st: **Daughters of the King** meet after the 10:15 service in the conference room
- Wednesday, April 24th: **Monthly meeting of the Bishop's Committee** meets at 6:00 PM in-person and on Zoom.
- Saturday, April 27th: The Diocesan Daughters of the King invite all women of the diocese to a screening of **The Philadelphia Eleven**, a film about women shattering the stained-glass ceiling of the Episcopal Church by seeking ordination as priests. Lunch will be served and there will be Eucharist. The event will be at St. Andrews in La Mesa from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. RSVP to slanzdok@gmail.com.
- Saturday, April 27th: **Dinners for 8** meets at 6:00 PM at the home of Frank and Lisa Simpson. Dinners for 8 is a fellowship program allowing us to gather monthly for dinner and conversation in the home of a host parishioner. The host provides the entrée and attendees contribute a dish. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Vince or Monica Walton for more information.
- Sunday, April 28th: **Night of Music presented by the Interfaith Council of Temecula Valley** with themed "Songs for Peace and Unity" at 6:00 PM at Rancho United Church, 31300 Rancho Community Way. The program will include hip-hop, soul, R&B and faith-based music. No charge for this concert.
- Wednesday, May 1st: **Stephen Ministers** meet at 9:00 in the conference room.
- Wednesday May 1st: **The Advancement Team** meets by Zoom at 6:30 PM

Weekly Recurring Events:

- **Compline** nightly at 8:00 by Zoom
- **Study the Scriptures with Lani** each Tuesday at 2:00 PM by Zoom
- **Bible Study with Fr. Bill Garrison** Wednesdays at 11:00. For the Zoom link and study guide, go to www.toursofthebible.blogspot.com. The current study is on the Q Verses in the Gospels.
- **Choir Practice** each Thursday at 7:00 PM
- **Prayers and Squares** quilters each Friday at 9:00 AM in Scholastica

A New Way to Fulfill Our Pledges and Contribute to St. Thomas!

Thanks to the brainstorming of our Stewardship Team – Lauralyn Vasques, Tom Reid and Deb Mitchell – and the technical skills of our Business Manager, Takako Gibbs, we now have a new and easy way to contribute to St. Thomas.

Click on the QR code and you will be taken to Tithley where you can designate the amount you are giving, how it is to be used and the increment in which you wish to give.

The traditional ways still work. You can still contribute by cash, check, or online using PayPal.

How to use the QR code: 3 Easy Steps

1. Open the Camera app on your phone.
2. Then, point your phone to the QR code to scan it.
3. Finally, tap the pop-up banner or QR icon in the bottom-right corner of the app. This will immediately take you to the website.

