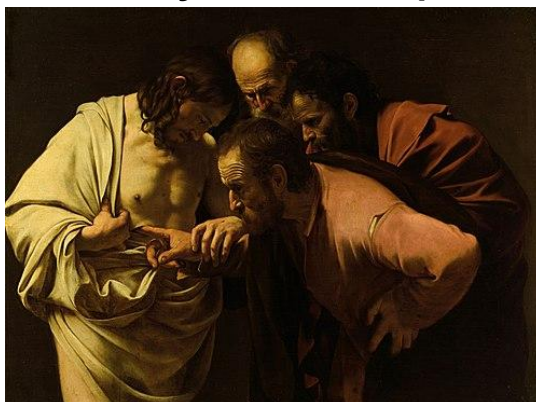


**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026**



**The Incredulity of Saint Thomas**  
Painting by Caravaggio created c.1601-1602 now at Sanssouci Picture Gallery, Potsdam

**Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20:29***

**CP 252 Spirit Come, Dispel Our Sadness**

1 Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;  
pierce the clouds of nature's night.  
Come, O source of joy and gladness,  
breathe your life, and spread your light.  
From the height which knows no measure,  
as a gracious shower descend,  
bringing down the richest treasure  
we can wish, or God can send.

2 Author of the new creation,  
come, anoint us with your power.  
Make our hearts your habitation;  
with your grace our spirits shower.  
Hear, O hear our supplication,  
blessed Spirit, God of peace!  
Rest upon this congregation  
with the fullness of your grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

**Psalm 16*****Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

16:1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

16:2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

16:3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

16:4 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.

16:5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

16:7 I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

16:8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

16:10 For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

16:11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**A Reading from Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

2:14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

2:22 "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-

2:23 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.

2:24 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.

2:25 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;

2:26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

2:29 "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.

2:30 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.

2:31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

2:32 "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 655 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
 living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;  
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
 Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
 you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,  
 quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
 Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
 in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

A Reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9

1:3 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

1:4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

1:5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1:6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

1:7 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.

1:8 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,

1:9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 231 That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright

1 That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
 the sun shone out with fairer light,  
 alleluia, alleluia!

when, to their longing eyes restored,  
 the apostles saw their risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 He bade them see his hands, his side,  
 where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
 alleluia, alleluia!

the tokens true which made it plain  
 their Lord indeed was risen again.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 From every weapon death can wield  
 thine own redeemed forever shield:  
 alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord of all, with us abide  
 in this our joyful Eastertide.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
 do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
 alleluia, alleluia!

that we may give thee all our days  
 the tribute of our grateful praise.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

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

20:19 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."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 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."

20:26 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."

20:27 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."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 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."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

20:31 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.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6367165 We Believe

1 In this time of desperation  
 When all we know is doubt and fear  
 There is only one foundation  
 We believe we believe  
 In this broken generation  
 When all is dark You help us see  
 There is only one salvation  
 We believe we believe

**Chorus**

***We believe in God the Father  
 We believe in Jesus Christ  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit  
 And He's given us new life  
 We believe in the crucifixion  
 We believe that He conquered death  
 We believe in the resurrection  
 And He's coming back again  
 (We believe)***

2 So let our faith be more than anthems  
 Greater than the songs we sing  
 In our weakness and temptations  
 We believe we believe

**Bridge**

Let the lost be found and the dead be  
 raised  
 In the here and now let love invade  
 Let the church live loud our God will save  
 We believe we believe  
 And the gates of hell will not prevail  
 For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
 Now we know Your love will never fail  
 We believe we believe

**Ending**

He's coming back again  
 He's coming back again  
 We believe we believe

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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

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

## Prayers of the People compiled and led by Betty Johnson

Adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray:

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola  
In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Ottawa: Leadership in Transition.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen and St. Paul, Edmonton, Wally Cox, Rector; Eric Kregel, Assistant Priest; Michelle Schurek, Community Engagement Worker; Asher Hébert, Office Administrator.

In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for Gahengeri Indigenous community, Damascene Bagirubwira, Rector.

We pray for the people and community of Alexander First Nation.

We pray for our congregation here at St. Peter's, our clergy, our wardens and we especially pray for all volunteers who work behind the scenes to make this such a welcoming presence for the community. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray especially for the Middle East and other areas of conflict. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, we pray. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray, Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, we pray Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

For all gathered here out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, we pray, Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our loved ones. Jesus, He offers us peace. We name those who have requested our prayers.

Sandra..... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Florence..... Lisa and Joe..... Marijke..... Diane..... Janelle..... Sandy..... Evelyn..... Sarah..... Terry..... Ken..... Monica..... Julie..... Lucas..... Helen..... Cody..... Judy..... Ruth..... Jody and Michael..... David L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline.....Jorges and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy..... Louise A..... and those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in faith especially Helen Gagalowich and Valorie Breitreutz and for all the dying that they may know the love of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death we pray: Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

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  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**And now, as our Saviour 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 222 All Shall Be Well

1 All shall be well!

For on our Easter skies  
see Christ the sun  
of righteousness arise.

2 All shall be well!

The sacrifice is made,  
the sinner freed,  
the price of pardon paid.

3 All shall be well!

The cross and passion past,  
dark night is done,  
bright morning come at last.

4 All shall be well!

Lift every voice on high;  
"Death has no more  
dominion but shall die."

5 Jesus alive!

Rejoice and sing again;  
all shall be well  
for evermore, Amen!

The Dismissal

**Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20:29***

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**