

# Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

Thomas is a parade example of how to move from doubt to faith. His doubt is honest. He wasn't willing to pretend he got it. He wasn't able to believe in the resurrection, but he wasn't willing to believe in something less than the resurrection. He could have made life easier for himself by nodding when the others told him that they saw Jesus. *Yes, yes*, he could have said, *I get what you're saying; a spiritual resurrection, Jesus still living in my heart, in the influence that he continues to have in my life*. But Thomas doesn't settle for that.

He is in that upper room behind locked doors at great personal risk to his life. He doesn't run away. He doesn't blow off his friends and figure well, that's fine for you but it's not for me. He realizes that if it's true that Jesus actually rose from the dead there's nothing more important. May our own doubts drive us to Thomas' kind of honesty. And may we continue always to be the kind of community where the Thomas in each of us can be in the room. Where Everyone's welcome. Nobody's perfect. Anything's possible.

Welcome to St Stephen's!

## To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new via the livestream, please email [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org) to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.
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- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Central page.
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19th April 2020 | The Second Sunday of Easter



**The altar flower donation today is given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Gwen Stockebrand  
by her sister Leanne Stockebrand  
in support of the livestream service.**

*Worship is a verb. from the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart in the sacred space of your home. We welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer A, in the Book of Common Prayer, page 361.*

*For ease of us, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.*

### **Serving at the Altar Today**

<b>Alto</b>	Karen Clark
<b>Soprano</b>	Natalie Mitchell
<b>Tenor</b>	Douglas Mandell
<b>Bass</b>	Wilford Kelly
<b>Director of Parish Music</b>	John Karl Hirten
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev'd Christine Trainor
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th April | 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## At the Procession

**Hymn 713** *Christ is arisen*

*Sung four times, the first time alone, the rest in canon.*

*Christ is arisen.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ is arisen. Christ is arisen.*

CHRIST IS ARISEN

## The Easter Acclamation

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

## The Collect for Purity *Said by all.*

BCP 355

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.

## Canticle *Trisagion*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Trampling down death by death Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
And on those in the tomb bestowing life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

**The First Reading Acts 2. 14a, 22 – 32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,  
“You that are 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 freed him from 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

**Antiphon** You will show me the path of life. Hallelujah.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

I have said to the Lord,

“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*

upon those who are noble among the people.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; \*

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; \*

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Antiphon** You will show me the path of life. Hallelujah.

**The Epistle 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.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

*The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.*

**The Sequence** *Celtic Alleluia*

Fintan O'Carroll (1922 – 1981)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The right hand of God raised me up.

The hand of the Lord has triumphed.

I shall never die, I shall live, telling God's deeds.    **Refrain** [r]

**The Holy Gospel** *John 20. 19 – 31*

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

People        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Gospeller     The Gospel of the Lord  
People         **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Christine Trainor

*After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed *Standing*

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.

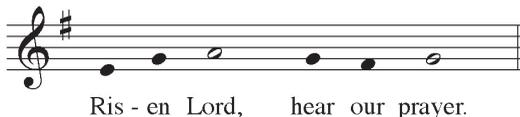
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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

Cantor: We pray . . .



*During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list.*

We pray for those needful or desirous of our prayers, including

**Bob, Carol, Missy, Allen, Ruth, Betty, and Katy.**

We pray for those who have died, including **Sarah Lingle,**

**Norman Ruecker, Jennifer Bolton, Saiorse Kasongo, and**

**Bob Zimmerman.**

And on their Year's Mind, we remember and pray for **James B. Preston, and**

**Nina Pratt.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

*Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory *Haec dies*

Jacob Arcadelt (c. 1514 – 1568)

*This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### **Easter Preface**

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.

### *The Celebrant Proceeds*

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:

**Sanctus** *Rose Hill Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*The people remain standing and sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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. AMEN.

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

### **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,  
and the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## At the Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant  
adapted by Mason Martens (1933 – 1991)

*Repeat refrain after cantor the first time.*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus,  
in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ. [r]

One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread. [r]

## The Peace

### At the Communion

*How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."*

*Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.*

## Communion Music

**Hymn 206** *O sons and daughters, let us sing!*

O FILII ET FILIAE

**Antiphon** Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

**Antiphon** Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia!

Att. Jean Tisserand (15th century)  
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866)

**The Post-Communion Prayer** *The people stand.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Benediction** *The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

*Celebrant*

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word, and the Everliving Spirit be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 To God the Father, God the Son,  
to God the Spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cyril A. Alington (1872 – 1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy  
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## The Easter Dismissal

Priest      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
People      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### — Children and Youth Christian Education —

Genevieve Ellsworth has transitioned her discipleship group to a teleconference with high school students. Please contact her privately for more information.

### — Announcements —

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S CENTRAL** page on our website at <http://ststephenschurch.org/>.

Visit *Together Apart*, the almost daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

**Confirmation lessons** continue via FaceTime with the Rector and Associate Rector. On 26th April, the topic: Holy Scripture.

**Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions** that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Central at [ststephenschurch.org](http://ststephenschurch.org) for all links.

This **Sunday at 9:00 am**, join the discussion for *Slow Religion, the Book of John*, led by Joe Jennings, and also on Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

Donald Sung leads another *film discussion* on **Wednesday, 22nd April, at 4:00 pm**.

**Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 am**, Karl Belgum will lead a forum on the book by William James, *Varieties of Religious Experience*, Chapters IV and V, on the religion of the "healthy minded."

**Mission Taos** | We just received word from our hosts in Taos that Habitat for Humanity International has suspended all visiting work group trips until the end of June. Our trip was to take place June 14th – 20th, so Christine and Phil are very sad to report that the Mission Trip we were so looking forward to, one that was going to rock big time with a dream team, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [Information regarding refund of deposits will soon be announced.]

**Live Stream** | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravely to let us know. A tip from Rod Hall: If you are having audio problems, try not watching the stream live but clicking on the url later and downloading the video.

**Clergy Pastoral Care** | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812.

**Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email** and that you are currently receiving the weekly email and eNews from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: [elizabeth\[at\]ststephenschurch](mailto:elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch). Don't miss the Live stream Sunday Services, Zoom Bible Studies, and teleconference events that are available to you from now until at least 10th May.

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