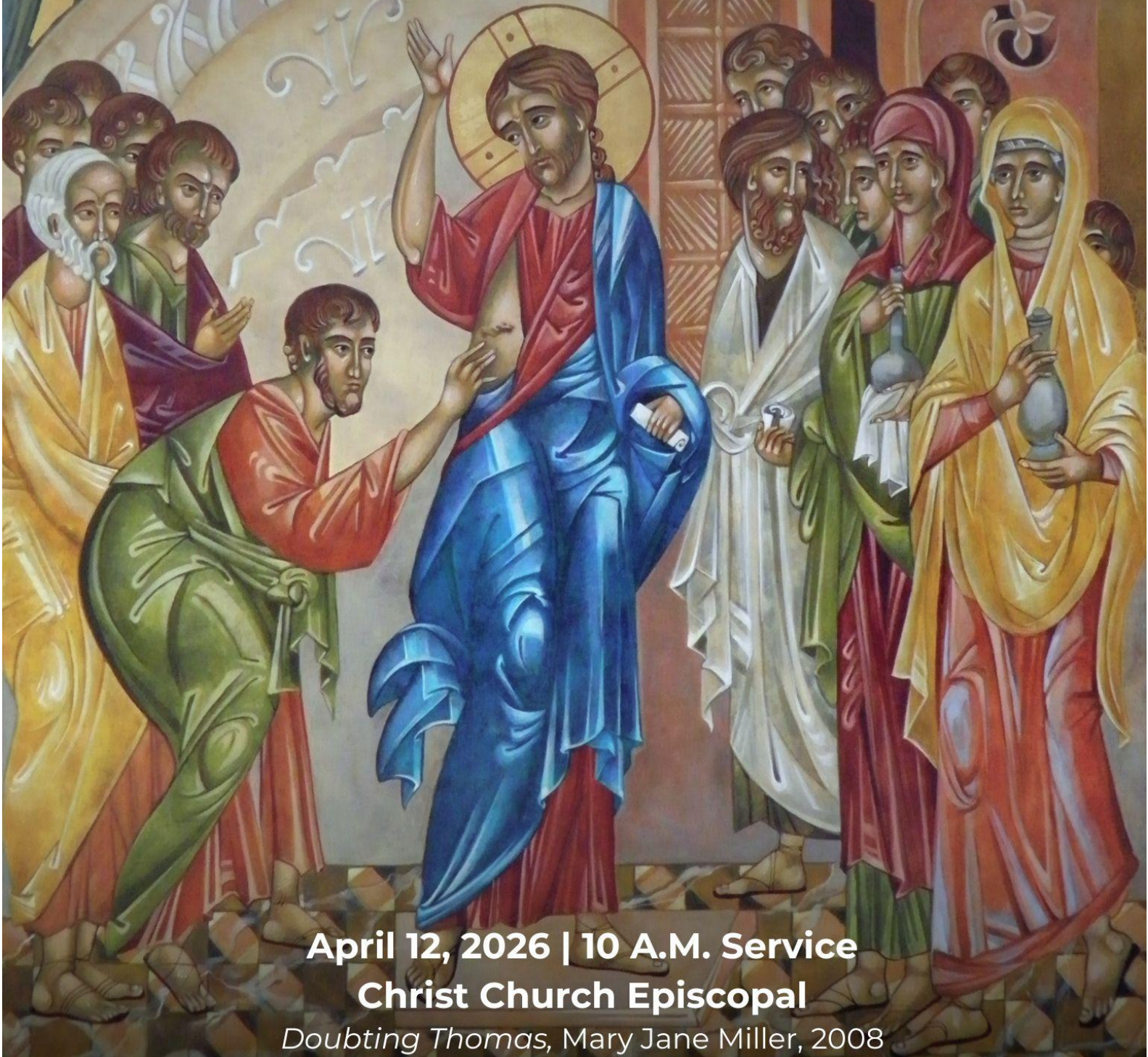


Αποφρῖνϋ Thomas

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Welcoming the
Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
the 14th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia*



April 12, 2026 | 10 A.M. Service

Christ Church Episcopal

Doubting Thomas, Mary Jane Miller, 2008

PRELUDE & WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ **Entrance Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Opening Our Hearts"**

Post Green

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

✠ **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

✠ **One God and Father of all.**

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: "Hallelu, Hallelu"**

Traditional

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty 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.**

Children ages 3-8 are invited to follow the banner to the Children's chapel.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2:14A, 22-32)

Reader: Andrea M.

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."

The Word of the Lord

✠ Thanks be to God

✠ Antiphon

♩ = 60 Keith Tan, "Lead Me and Teach Me"

I want to fol - low the Mas - ter of life.

6 Lead me and teach me, Je - sus the Christ.

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Psalm 16 Please read responsively by whole verse

1 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."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 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**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. 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.

The Word of the Lord

✠ **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN:

♩ = 74 "Ancient Words"; Lynn DeShazo

B \flat F/C C F(sus4) F C Gm F

An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, and chang-ing

7 B \flat C Dm C/E F F/A B \flat F/C C F(sus4) F

you; We have come with open hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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 the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please remain standing for a prayer

THE SERMON:

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present _____ for Confirmation.

Sponsors: I present _____ to be received into this Communion.

Sponsors: I present _____ who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

✠ **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

✠ 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

✠ 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

✠ I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

✠ I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

✠ I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

✠ I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

✠ I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Prayer Leader: Tom T.

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

✠ Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

✠ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

✠ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

✠ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

✠ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

✠ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ✠ **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. ✠ **Amen.**

or for Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. ✠ **Amen.**

or for Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. ✠ **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

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ANTHEM

"Was it a Morning Like This"

Croegaert, arr. Tan

✠ **PRESENTATION HYMN: "Give Thanks"**

Smith

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give God 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... 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

Keith Tan

Andante con moto ♩ = 60

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
9 God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
15 full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in ex - cel - sis.
21 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho
26 sa - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho sa - na in ex -
32 - cel - sis! *rit.*

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

✠ We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

✠ Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing, please come forward when invited by the ushers. If you would like a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available The second cup is alcohol-free.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

- ✠ "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Schlesische Volkslieder*
- ✠ "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" Johnson/Gifford/Wilson/Johnson/Taylor/Jobe, arr. Sorenson
- ✠ "Hymn of Heaven" Wickham/Johnson/Johnson/Davenport, arr. Duren

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 BLESSING

DISMISSAL HYMN

- ✠ "Hear Our Praises" Morgan

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

✠ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!

You honor us with your presence. Please join us again in worship or through our other ministries.

Coming up at CCE

Ladies Brown Bag Lunch
April 16 | 11:30 A.M. | Parlor

Habitat Build Day
April 18 | 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Men's Breakfast
April 18 | 8 A.M. | Sanctuary

**Ladies' Blessings
and Brunch**
April 18 | 10:30 A.M. | Parlor

Annual Benefit Concert
April 26 | 4 P.M.

End of School Bash
May 17
3rd Grade Bibles +
Senior Sunday



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Susan Winks
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2026 ESTIMATE OF GIVING UPDATE

April 8, 2026: 154 pledges totaling \$873,605

Total Received YTD: \$384,478

2026 Goal: \$1,050,000

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THE STORY
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Sunday | April 26, 2026 | 4 P.M.

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