



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27TH, 2025

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

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	Ron Kautzman	Judy Conlan
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

WELCOME VISITORS!

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher or Fr. Brian.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



April 27th, 2025

*Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet
as we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

“Alleluia! Alleluia! (Hymn to Joy)”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Sing to God a hymn of gladness

Sing to God a hymn of praise

He who on the cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled

Jesus Christ the King of Glory

Now is risen from the dead

Christ is risen Christ the first fruits

Of the holy harvest field

Which will all its full abundance

At His second coming yield

Then the golden ears of harvest

Will their heads before Him wave

Ripened by His glorious sunshine

From the furrows of the grave

Christ is risen we are risen

Shed upon us heavenly grace

Rain and dew and gleams of glory

From the brightness of Thy face

That we with our hearts in heaven

Here on earth may fruitful be

And by angel hands be gathered

And be ever Lord with Thee

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THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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.

PRAISE MUSIC

"His Mercy Is More"

Chorus

Praise the Lord__ His mercy is more__

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. ***[Chorus]***

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. ***[Chorus]***

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. ***[Chorus]***

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

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.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Job 42:1-6 (Page 446)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with
my whole heart, *
in the company of the upright, and among
the congregation.

² The works of the Lord are great, *
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.

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- ³ His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- ⁴ He has made his marvelous works to be had
in remembrance; *
The Lord is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He has given food to those who fear him; *
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, *
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are true.
- ⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever, *
and are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded
his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have all those who live
accordingly; his praise endures for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Revelation 1:9-19 (*Page 1028*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John 20:19-31 *(Page 906)*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n

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The children are dismissed for Sunday School.

THE SERMON – FR. BRIAN MILLER

THE EXHORTATION

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that this candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this candidate that which by nature they cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present Johnathan Steven Charles Marsh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Today, on behalf of Johnathan, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that Johnathan is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other

things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

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

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do. 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.

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

Prayerfully sit The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for **Johnathan** who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant leads the following petitions

That he may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That he may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as a living member of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidate(s) as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Candidates are presented to Father Brian, who then pours water upon them, saying

Name this Child. **Johnathan**

Johnathan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

Johnathan you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Candidates are then presented with a Baptismal Candle.

Johnathan receive the light of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received him as your own child by adoption, made him a member of your holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized

Celebrant and People together

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following offertory sentence is said.

And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." *Luke 10:2*

"O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Bridge

Oh, what a Savior!
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen ***[Repeat]***

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Ending

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:



THE SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

O Holy, Holy, Holy God
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to Your grace.
Ho – san – na in the highest heaven,
Creation sings Your praise.
And bles – sed is the One who comes
And bears Your name always

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, 🕯 with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 🕯

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." 🕯

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled ⁺ with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

**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 FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world,
Have mercy on us. **[x2]**

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Daniel Groth 2025

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

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.



COMMUNION HYMNS

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me [Verse 1]

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Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken ***[Repeat]***

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

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“Draw Me Close”

Chorus

You're all I want,
You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want,
Help me know You are near. ***[Repeat]***

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING | MILESTONES | CLERGY BLESSING

"I Saw The Light"

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin;
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then, Jesus came,
Like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord I saw the light!

Chorus

**I saw the light, I saw the light;
No more in darkness, no more in night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man,
That God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! ***[Chorus]***

I was a fool to wander and stray;
Straight is the gate, and narrow the way,
Now I have traded
The wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! ***[Chorus]***

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THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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CHRIST AND DOUBTING THOMAS

Paolo Cavazzola
(1486-1522)

“The doubt of Thomas does not mean that he did not possess great courage. When Christ

insisted on returning to Judea in spite of the threats of the Jews to kill him, it was Thomas who said to the other disciples, ‘Let us also go that we may die with Him.’

“In the spreading of the gospel by the Apostles, Thomas is said to have gone to the east as far as India, where he established the Christian Church. Legend recounts how he was asked by Gondophorus, King of the Indies, to build him a magnificent palace, but Thomas used the money given him for the purpose to distribute among the poor. The king was enraged and vowed vengeance. It so happened, however, that his brother, Gad, had just died. When Gad arrived in Heaven, he was asked by the angels where he would like to live. He pointed to a magnificent palace that stood nearby, but the angels told him that he could not inhabit it, for it was the palace that a Christian had built in Heaven for his brother, Gondophorus. When Gad appeared to Gondophorus in a vision and told him this, the king set St. Thomas free. The Apostle then explained to the king that, by faith and charity in this world, it was possible to build up a store of wealth in Heaven.

“The symbolism of red is that it “is the color of blood, which has a similar meaning in the dress of the cardinals... Red is the church’s color for martyred saints, because many of the early Christians suffered martyrdom in the Roman persecutions or at the hands of the barbarians, rather than deny their faith in Christ. In a different sense, because red is the color of fire, it is used during the Church’s season of Pentecost, which commemorates the coming of the Holy Ghost.” *(Signs & Symbols in Christian Art, George Ferguson)*

Paolo Morando also known as il Cavazzola, was an Italian painter of the Renaissance, active mainly in his hometown of Verona.

(Wikipedia.org)