



historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

May 11, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

www.strchurch.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

"WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE..."

Gathering Music

(Please take time to prepare for worship and silence your devices)

Greeting | Ministry Updates

Introit **"Jesus, You Are the New Day"** Damon/Schaffer

Jesus, You are the new day dawning before our eyes

Jesus, You are the light that bids us rise

We are salt for the earth, and light for the world to see

Help us shine in the dark, till all are free

Give us strength for today, and courage to share Your name

Salt, light, love for You, let our lives proclaim

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

Amen!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

We proclaim the Good News!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer

***Hymn #14. 'Womb of Life, and Source of Being'**

IN BABILONE

Call to Confession/Unison of Confession

Gracious God, you placed us in the world to be its salt.

Yet we are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We do not want to hear what "they" might have to say, and our salt dissolves as if in water.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

Loving God, you placed us in the world to be its light.
Yet we are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty.
We do not want to know other people's struggles,
and our light slowly fades away.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

God of Peace, you placed us in the world to live in community.
You taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread
and justice, and your truth incarnate in our life.

So be it, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Response 'Spirit of the Living God' Iverson/Schaffer

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

Spirit of the Living God, may Your Kingdom come

Take my will, my life, my all; may Your will be done

Lead me, guide me, walk beside me

Spirit of the Living God, may Your Kingdom come

Words of Assurance and Hope

Hear these words of assurance and hope: If you repent
and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are
forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your
life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God in the name of our risen Lord!

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me/ 1 – 2 – 3" Bradbury/Mazak

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Children's Message

(Children are dismissed to Christian Education Classes)



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
 4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of
 Cit-y of God! Shine so ho-ly and
 King-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and
 King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and

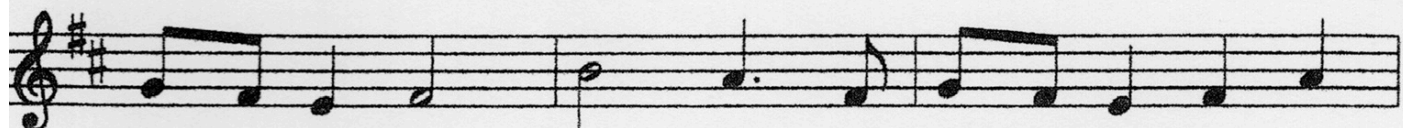


life, O peo-ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo-ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus-tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the Cit-y of God!

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-16

Message

"The Salt & Light Life"

Forrest Broom

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE"

Offering

(We give our gifts, tithes and offerings as an expression of gratitude for all of God's blessings. Online giving is available at www.strchurch.org)

Offertory

"Here's My Heart"

Tomlin/Ingram/Giglio

Here's my heart, Lord
Here's my heart, Lord
Here's my heart, Lord
Speak what is true
'Cause I am found, I am Yours
I am loved, I'm made pure
I have life, I can breathe
I am healed, I am free
'Cause You are strong, You are sure
You are life, You endure
You are good, always true
You are light breaking through
Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true
Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true
You are more than enough
You are here, You are love
You are hope, You are grace
You're all I have, You're everything

*Doxology

***Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

(The congregation is invited to stand, join hands and sing)

***Hymn 'Why Would We Light a Lamp'**

Dalles /FESTAL SONG

Why would we light a lamp
Then place it 'neath a bowl
Where, airless, it would surely fail
To serve its chosen role

Or why, with faith so bright
God's witness would we spurn
Its smothered sparks would cool to ash
Unfit to freely burn

Instead, we bring a lamp
And place it on a stand
The warmth and brightness which it yields
To share as God has planned

The living lamp is Christ
Aflame within our soul
Placed there by God to shine for all
Who seek to be made whole

For what was hidden once
Is meant to be disclosed
God, fan your Spirit's flame, we pray
Until, through us, it glows

***Benediction**

Announcements:

Next Sunday we celebrate our May birthdays and give thanks for all our teachers on the last day of Christian Education classes!

Save the Date!

STRC will be presenting a very special afternoon of music on Sunday, June 1st, in honor of Pastor Jeff. Featured artists include Payge Turner, Andrea Lee, Dr. Ron Nimmo, Dion Parson, DJ Parson, Sherwin Williams, the STRC Children's Choir, the Adult Choir, and many more. Stay tuned for more details!

The Adult Choir resumes regular rehearsals this week. We meet Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.--new members are always welcome! The only requirement for membership is the ability to match pitch-- no previous choral experience is necessary. For more info, contact Channele: music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

CONFIRMATION – Please keep the following students and mentors in your prayers as they work through the confirmation process and deepen their faith these coming months. We look forward to celebrating profession of faith during worship on June 1!!!

Luke Berry – Dave Whitter

Jeffrey Boschulte Jr. – Chantal Figueroa

Trey Thompson – Ty Troutman

Ellis Wisheart – Gail Prince

Summer Camp 2025 "Bread of Life - Feed Us With Your Love!" is this year's theme based on John 6:35 - "I am the bread of life..." Registration is presently FULL. To be put on the waiting list go to: www.strchurch.org

JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM TODAY: For information on how to use your gifts to the glory of God by serving on one of our Ministry Teams, go to www.strchurch.org

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us worshiping together

Guest Preacher: Forrest Broom

Music: Channele Schaffer, Forrest Broom, the STRC Mother-and- child choir

Liturgist: Donna Groat

AV/Livestream: James Anderson, Luke Berry, James Cobb, Trey Thompson & Dave Whitter

Greeters: Diane, Tariq and Tendaji Davis

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