



**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,  
declare Christ's Mission for us:  
to grow as a Church  
in the spiritual strength  
of community,  
and to care, reach out,  
and include all people in Christ's love.

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 8, 2022

# THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Introit

*Prelude*

by Jan Kritel Vanhal

Welcome

Rev. Fran

Procession

*Awake and Sing the Song*

#181, Blue Hymnal

*Descant*

4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his  
1 A - wake and sing the song of  
2 Sing of his dy - ing love, his  
3 You pil - grims on the road to  
4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er  
Mo - ses and the Lamb; wake ev - ery heart and  
re - sur - rec - tion power; sing how he in - ter -  
Zi - on's ci - ty, sing, re - joic - ing in the  
end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.  
ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.  
cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.  
Lamb of God, in Christ the e - ter - nal King.  
notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

Words: William Hammond (1719-1783), alt. Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## The Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen

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

## Collect for Purity

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.**

## Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



### **The Collect Acclamation**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The First Lesson Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

**#104, Red Hymnal**

1. The Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;  
2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,  
3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;  
4. Let good-ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest;—  
2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear;—  
3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er;—  
4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - bove;—

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow,—  
2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay;—  
3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head;—  
4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod,—

1. Re - stores me when wan-d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;  
2. No harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;  
3. O what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?  
4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

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## The Second Lesson

## Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *Be a Shepherd for My Flock*, v 1, 2 /3

#100, Voices Found

*Refrain* C G F C



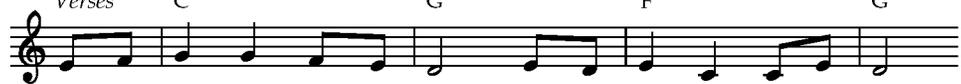
Be a shep - herd for my flock. Feed them rich - ly on my word.

F Em Dm C *Fine*



Show them shel - ter in the storm, for I call you to serve.

*Verses* C G F G



1 With a mo - ther's ten - der love, care for all who need to hear  
2 To the blind - ed bring my light, to the wea - ry my rest,  
3 Take my mes - sage to the world. Keep the sto - ries ev - er new.

C Em Dm *D.C al Fine*  
G



they can run in - to my arms. Ease ev - ery fear.  
to the poor a - bun - dant life for - ev - er blest.  
Sing my truth, dance my joy. I'll car - ry you.

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**The Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Rev. Fran

### The Nicene Creed

**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

The Prayers of the People is a time for us all to share our prayers with one another as we lift them together to God. Please kneel as you are able.

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,  
**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and

Porter, our Bishops; Fran, Natalie, Joy, Lori, Mollie, Mary, and Nicole, our staff; the teachers at the Early Learning Center, the Vestry and officers of St. Thomas, and those churches and leaders you would name. [*pause*] Awake, O Church, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. We pray for Joe our President, Glenn our Governor, and for leaders at every level of government around the world. We pray for peace, especially in Ukraine, and for those places and world concerns you would name. [*pause*] Awake, O World, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. [*pause*] Awake, O People, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We pray for Susan, Andrei, Ethan, Emma, Johnny, Julie, David, Martha, Kadri, Jim, Megan, Michael, Jack, Greet, Peter, Robin, Scott, Amaya, Jen, Brendan, Vincent, Leanna, Mark, Jim, Ann, Frankie, Cheryl, Claudia, and Scott, those with COVID-19, and those whom you would name. [*pause*] Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness, and for those persons you would name. [*pause*] Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, including Emily Armitage, Dan Wicks, and Louise Rosenburgh celebrating their birthdays this week, and for those blessing you would name [*pause*]. Awake, O Heart, rise from death,

**And Christ will give you life!**

At this time, you are invited to offer your own prayers of petition and thanksgiving. [pause] Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia! **Alleluia, amen!**

Adapted from Susan K. Bock, *Liturgy for the Whole Church*, Church Publishing Inc. ©2008, Kindle Edition.

### **Prayer for the Election of a new Bishop**

We pray for our diocese as we prepare to elect a new bishop. We pray for the candidates Joe, Alan, Gideon, Mark, and those identified by the petition process. We pray for the discernment of the delegates to the electing convention. And we pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide us in choosing the bishop we need to lead us at this time. **AMEN.**

### **A Prayer for Mothers' Day**

On this Mothers' Day, we pray in thanksgiving for the divine gift of motherhood in all its many forms. We pray for all mothers; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who have loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for those who hope to be mothers someday; for all whose yearning to have children has been frustrated; for those mothers who, through death or separation, no longer see their children; and for those among us who have mothered others in need: [*a time of silence*]. Lord, for all those who mother,

**Thanks be to God.**

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

**Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Offertory

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

## Offertory Anthem

*Jesus Shall Reign*

by **Rachel Aarons**

## The Doxology

**#377, Blue Hymnal**

*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him 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.

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.

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: S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Saint Thomas and 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 Fraction - S154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

*While some members of our congregation are receiving communion at church, those members gathered to worship on Zoom will say the following prayer:*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** ~ from *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

**Communion Hymn**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

#645, Blue Hymnal



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

**Post-communion Prayer for a Multilocated Congregation**

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us, whether we are able to share in the sacrament or continue to long for communion. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love; for uniting us with Christ and one another; and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*God of Eve and God of Mary*

(set to *Stuttgart* – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”)

1 God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother earth,  
Thank you for the ones who with us  
Shared their life and gave us birth.

2 As you came to earth in Jesus,  
So you come to us today;  
You are present in the caring  
That prepares us for life's way.

3 Thank you, that the Church, our Mother,  
Gives us bread and fills our cup,  
And the comfort of the Spirit  
Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

4 Thank you for belonging shelter,  
Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
And for those who have no children,  
Yet are parents under God.

5 God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human son,  
Spirit, caring like a mother,  
Take our love and make us one.

**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People           **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Praeludium in C*

by Johann Ludwig Krebs



**Worship Participants**

Presider & Preacher	Rev. Fran
Acolyte	Charlie Rhodes
Altar Guild	Jan Hamilton, Betsy Heilman
Counters	Lynne Montgomery, Will Ferris
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger (s)	Janette Thode
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Betsy Heilman
Fellowship Host	Becky Ventorini
Flower Guild	Melinda Fairchild
Lector & Intercessor	Charlie Rhodes
Ushers	Lynne Montgomery, Ed Rhodes



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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.



**From Our Interim Family Minister**

It was so great to have so many of our youngest saints at St. Thomas for the celebration of Easter -- and, of course, the return of the St. Thomas Easter Egg Hunt. The smiles were big and the baskets of eggs were overflowing!

Our educational year continues through May, with the last Sunday school classes slated for May 22, prior to the Memorial Day holiday and summer break. I hope all our young people will join us during the 10:00 service for fun and fellowship! As always, older children will have Sunday school in the preschool wing, where we'll be learning about the Catechism and preparing for the Feast of Pentecost. The wonderful Ms. Lael will be in Hudson Hall on Sundays for Godly Play with our youngest parishioners. Ms. Nicole will offer childcare in the Cribbery for children aged three and younger.

Also, please mark your calendars, as we're planning another fun event for our younger parishioners next month. Our youth have been invited to join the choir in performing the Introit on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. We will have a brief rehearsal that morning and then will join the choir during the 10:00 service. I hope all of our youth will join us that day to make a joyful noise!



## God's Transforming Gift: A Study on Paul's Letters

The last two sessions of our Study of God's Transforming Gift: Paul's Letters continues in May. We meet every other week on Zoom on:

**Monday Evenings 7:30—8:30 PM**      **Thursday Mornings 10:30—11:30 AM**

Upcoming dates:    May 2 and 5  
                              **Romans 5-8, 12-15**

                              May 16 and 19  
                              **1 and 2 Corinthians**

Please send an email to Rev. David at [davidsmith927@gmail.com](mailto:davidsmith927@gmail.com), for a Zoom invitation link to be sent to you.



### Women Gathering Meetup

Please join our Women Gathering Zoom meetup on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm. Natalie will lead our discussion about Lydia—Paul's first convert in Europe. We will base our conversation on scripture and Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter by Episcopal Priest Linsey Freeman. To purchase the book on Amazon, click [HERE](#). If you haven't previously been notified, please email [audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjadair@gmail.com) to receive a reminder and link the day before.



## ECW Silent Auction

The ECW is conducting a silent auction of a quilt that was hand quilted by the women of St. Thomas in the mid-1990's. It is the Indian Hatchett pattern and is large enough to fit a King-sized bed. If you would like to bid to purchase this lovely quilt, there is a bid sheet in the narthex where the quilt is on display or you can notify Louise Armitage at [Louise1775@gmail.com](mailto:Louise1775@gmail.com) to bid remotely.



## Ladies Lunch Bunch

St. Thomas Ladies, mark your calendars for **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 AM** to attend our first monthly “Ladies Lunch Bunch.” We’ll dine outdoors at Kalypso Tavern in Reston’s Lake Anne Village Shopping Center. RSVP to [audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjadair@gmail.com) or show up at 11:30.



## The ECW Plant and Bake Sale - Sunday, May 15, 2022

On Sunday, May 15, the ECW will have its regular hybrid in-person/zoom meeting at 8:45 am--zoom link and agenda to follow.

Following the 10 am service that same day, the ECW will host a Bake, Plant and (limited) Treasure's sale. What fun to finally be able to resume our sale which is the major mechanism through which we raise funds to support several local non-profit agencies!



For the plant sale: Over the next week or so, please dig up and pot any perennials you can share. Make a label for the plants with guidance such as "likes shade", "spreads". Plants dug up the day before the sale typically will not thrive when transplanted.



For bakers: Pies, breads, candies, cookies, cakes are all welcome--bake away! It is very helpful if you individually package or bag your contribution for sale



For treasure donors: We are offering a limited number of treasures for sale--things like a pretty teapot, decorative ceramic flower pot or vase. or serving dish that would complement our other sales are most welcome. A few items of jewelry or a scarf or box of stationery might be good options as well

Thanks to each of you for supporting the ECW sale!!

**End of Life / Hospice Care presentations by Goodwin House at St. Thomas:  
May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Hospice is a philosophy of care that is often misunderstood and stigmatized, yet it can make a world of difference during some of the most delicate and intimate moments of our lives. Goodwin House will offer a nonclinical explanation of hospice and its benefits, perfect for family members, congregations, and others who have an interest in learning more.

Our presentations cover the following topics in end of life/hospice care:

- The philosophy of hospice
- Having the conversation about hospice
- What a hospice diagnosis means
- Who is eligible for hospice
- Who pays for hospice
- What care is provided in hospice
- The interdisciplinary hospice team
- Spirituality at end of life
- Bereavement support ...and more!

Join us on **May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at St. Thomas** in person or online to participate.

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Please contact Natalie Regan with any questions at [natalie.regan@stthomasmcleanva.org](mailto:natalie.regan@stthomasmcleanva.org).



## A Service of Remembrance



Join us **May 21st at 10:30 am** for a **Service of Remembrance**,  
honoring our loved ones who have passed away.  
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## ***A PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH***

*Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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