



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.

Palm Sunday



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

March 24, 2024

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation will gather in Hudson Hall

Opening

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

After the palms are distributed the congregation will process to the cross singing: "We are Marching in the Light of God"

Procession to the Large Cross *"We are marching"*

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,

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We are marching, (marching),

We are marching, (marching),

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, (marching),

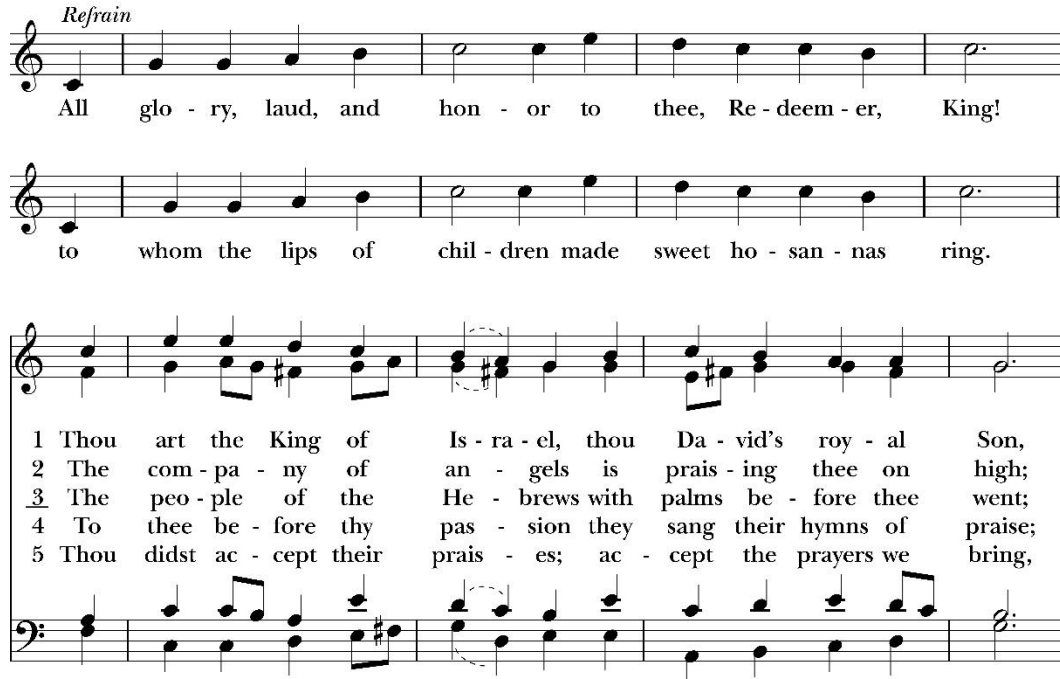
We are marching, (marching),

We are marching in the light of God.

Stopping in front of the Cross, the procession will halt while the following Collect is said:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

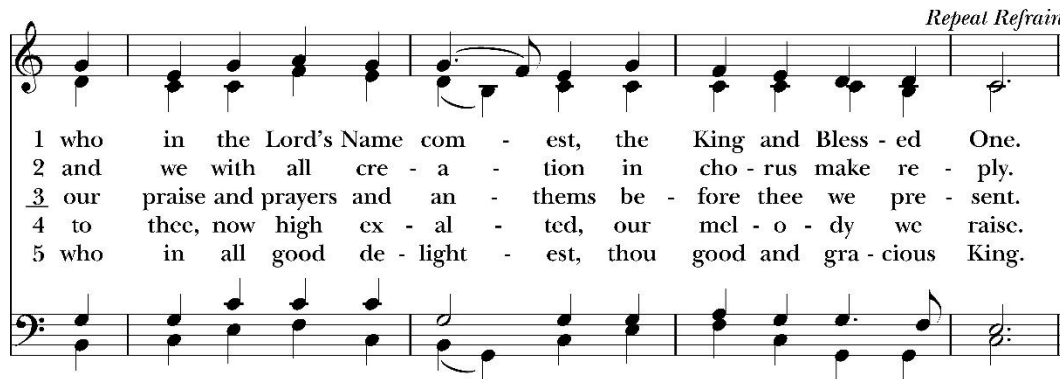
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.
 Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Traditional Spiritual

Reflection

Ms. Mary Cushing

Sequence Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 1,2,3 / 4,5

#156 Hymnal 1982



1	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	Hark!	all	the	
2	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly
3	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	The	an	-	gel
4	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	Thy	last	and	
5	Ride	on!	ride	on	in	ma	-	jes	-	ty!	In	low	-	ly



1	tribes	ho	-	san	-	na	cry;	thy	hum	-	ble	beast	pur	-	sues	his
2	pomp	ride	on	to	die;	O	Christ,	thy	tri	-	umphs	now	be	-		
3	ar	-	mies	of	the	sky	look	down	with	sad	and	won	-	dering		
4	fierc	-	est	strife	is	nigh;	the	Fa	-	ther	on	his	sap	-	phire	
5	pomp	ride	on	to	die;	bow	thy	meek	head	to	mor	-	tal			



1	road	with	palms	and	scat	-	tered	gar	-	ments	strowed.					
2	gin	o'er	cap	-	tive	death	and	con	-	quered	sin.					
3	eyes	to	see	the	ap	-	proach	-	ing	sac	-	ri	-	fice.		
4	throne	ex	-	pects	his	own	a	-	noint	-	ed	Son.				
5	pain,	then	take,	O	God,	thy	power,	and	reign.							

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The Passion Gospel Narrative according to Mark

See booklet

The Prayers of the People

Kneeling as you are able, let us pray.

From pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil,

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten all bishops, priests, deacons, and church staffs, especially the staff at St. Thomas, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joe Biden, the President of the United States, Glenn Youngkin, the Governor of Virginia, and the officials of Fairfax County, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit especially Ethan, Vincent, Megan, Irene, Lucy, Baby Vera, Steve, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Mari, Bruce, Bill, Jack, Caroline, Herb, Bill, Fran, Eddie, Skeets, Lisa, KP, and others you would name *[pause]*.

Provide for those who are homeless, hungry or destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially those you would name *[pause]* and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

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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.

Following the exchange of peace in the church, peace is exchanged with the congregation on Zoom.

The Offertory

I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:

<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

Offertory Anthem *Love Bade Me Welcome* **Roland E. Martin (Poetry by George Herbert)**

Love bade me welcome:
yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I
lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, you shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
who made the eyes, the eyes but I?
Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them:
let my shame go where it does deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat,
So I did sit and eat.

The Doxology

Hymnal 1982 #43, Verse 4

1 2
4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten free wafers are available on request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

by Dr. Lori Lind, in memory of Jim Galloway

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a dynamic marking of *f* and the lyrics "ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and-might hea-ven and earth are". The second staff starts with a measure rest and the lyrics "full - of your great glo - ry! Ho-san-na in the high - est ho-san-na in the high-est!". The third staff starts with a measure rest and the lyrics "comes in the name of the Lord!-- Ho-san-na!"; it includes a *cresc.* marking and a *ff* marking. The fourth staff starts with a measure rest and the lyrics "Bless-ed is He who comes - in the name - of - the-Lord! Ho - san-na in the high - est in- the - high - est!"; it includes a *ff* marking. The final staff starts with a measure rest and the lyrics "ho - san - na in the high - est!".

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Miriam, Deborah, and Esther; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Fraction

by Dr. Lori Lind, in memory of Jim Galloway

Je - sus - Lamb of - God that takes a-way the sins of the world -

8
Je - sus Lamb of - God that takes a-way the sins of the world Have mer - cy u -

16
pon - us, And grant us peace u - pon - the earth

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.

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

We have returned to offering the common cup, but there will continue to be a separate cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately. If you would like to consume only the bread, please also go to the right side and you may simply return to your seat after receiving the bread. As a reminder, we do not kneel at the altar rail one by one. When you go to the altar rail, please fill in all the way to the end. The ministers distributing communion will come around to you.

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:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally today, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

#458 Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "My Song Is Love Unknown". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love 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, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Recessional Hymn can be found on Page 14

Recessional Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

#435 Hymnal 1982



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Mary Cushing
Assisting Priest	Rev. Will Drosos
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Digital Usher	Bruce Allan
Digital Verger	Walter Lazear
Flower Guild	Louise Armitage
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Cushing & Caroline Mitchell
Healing Minister	Rev. David Smith
Lector & Intercessor	Ed Rhodes
Usher	Louise Rosenburgh
Fellowship Hour	Nowruz Celebration
Counters	Peter Reddaway & Lynne Montgomery

HOLY WEEK 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 24) - Worship at 10 AM, we begin in Hudson Hall with a procession to the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday (March 28) - Potluck Agape Meal in Hudson Hall at 6:00 PM. Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. (You are welcome to join one or both services.)

Good Friday (March 29) - Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary at noon. Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM.

Holy Saturday (March 30) - Morning Service on Zoom only at 9:00 AM. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87325361312>



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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments,
all welcome.



Today is the last day for Easter Flower donations!

Please pick up a form in the Narthex or go to the link below to download a form:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/723b62cc701/5daea9b3-a84f-4171-82ed-13ae8e4dc2da.pdf>

Please return your form physically or email Rishabh TODAY so we can acknowledge your dedications.

Celebrate the Persian New Year (Nowruz) at St. Thomas today after church!

The Persian New Year (*Nowruz*) is a springtime celebration whose activities symbolize rebirth and the link between humans and nature. The Iranian poet Saadi (1210-1291) wrote: “Awaken, the morning Nowruz breeze is showering the garden with flowers.”

Nowruz itself, which is Farsi for New Day, begins at the Spring equinox - the moment when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are of equal length.

This year, the Spring equinox was at 11:06PM on Tuesday March 19th.

**We invite everyone to come and join the celebrations after church on Sunday,
March 24th in Hudson Hall.**

We will have Persian treats for you to try!

Worship with us at Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday March 31 - 10:00 am

Following church on Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt for kids (bring a basket)
Potluck Easter Brunch for all ages

Alleluia! He is Risen!

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Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone at St. Thomas is excited for the Easter Egg hunt this year! During the Easter service, all of the older kids will hide eggs around the St. Thomas property. After the service, all of our younger kids will hunt for eggs. Regardless of your age, there will be plenty of candy for everyone!

If you are a St. Thomas adult and would like to help, please bring pre-stuffed Easter eggs, on or before Easter morning, that contain **wrapped candy without nuts**. If you have questions, please contact Will Drosos at will.drosos@stthomasmcleanva.org.

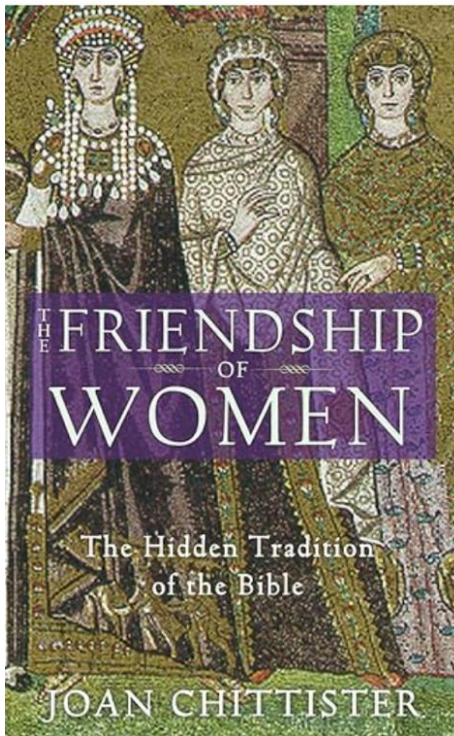
Easter Sunday Brunch

Come celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 31 with a potluck brunch following the 10:00 AM service. Please bring a dish to share. St. Thomas will provide coffee, tea, orange juice, and apple cider. Too busy to fix anything? Come anyway! We want to see you. Call Berta Smith 703-356-2586 if you have any questions.

Living in Christ Class Resumes in April

Our Living in Christ class has been on hiatus during Lent. With Easter approaching, we are about to resume. We have three more meetings. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings April 2, April 23 and May 7. We meet at 7:30 on Zoom. I will be sending out each resource and zoom link about a week before we meet. I'm excited to meet with you and resume our study! If you have any questions, let me know. -David Smith

WOMEN GATHERING ZOOM MEETUP



Ladies, please join us Thursday, **April 11, at 4:30**. We'll discuss Bible women Veronica, Elizabeth, and Ruth (pages 45-63) in *The Friendship of Women*, available on Amazon. Mary, our Deacon in training, will lead the discussion and reveal how each woman brings out a different quality of friendship.

For inquiries, you can email Betsy at eheilman2003@yahoo.com or the Zoom link, email Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com



Request for Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are currently requesting Sunday Fellowship Hour hosts the Sunday after Easter through Memorial Day. These gatherings follow the 10:00 am service each week and is a wonderful time to catch up with fellow parishioners. Hosts provide light refreshments to accompany the coffee, tea, and juice that the church provides. We are taking the "less is more" approach, so your donation should be as simple as a breakfast bread or coffee cake, cookies, and possibly some fruit. The current schedule is posted in Hudson Hall. I can be reached at 202.390.4412 or at beckyventorini@gmail.com. Thank you in advance to the families who have hosted in the past and to those who will do so soon. (Idea: you can always co-host with another person or family!)



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Visit Shakespeareoperatheatre.com for tickets and more information.
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The Galloway Memorial Fund

We are currently accepting donations for the *Jim Galloway Memorial Fund* to help cover expenses for our artists who come from outside the DC area. Plan to join us on **May 5th, 2024 from 5-7:30 PM** in the Memorial Garden and Hudson Hall at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, for ***An Evening to Remember Picnic and Concert to honor Jim's legacy and support the fund-- The concert is FREE!***

To donate:

By Check: made to Shakespeare Opera Theatre with "Galloway Fund" or "General Operations" in the memo mailed to:

8991 Brook Rd, McLean, VA 22102 or leave in Dr. Lori's mailbox at St. Thomas

Zelle: 443-226-8270 (include SOT & direction of funds in the memo)

Venmo: @drlorilind (include SOT & direction of funds in the memo)

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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