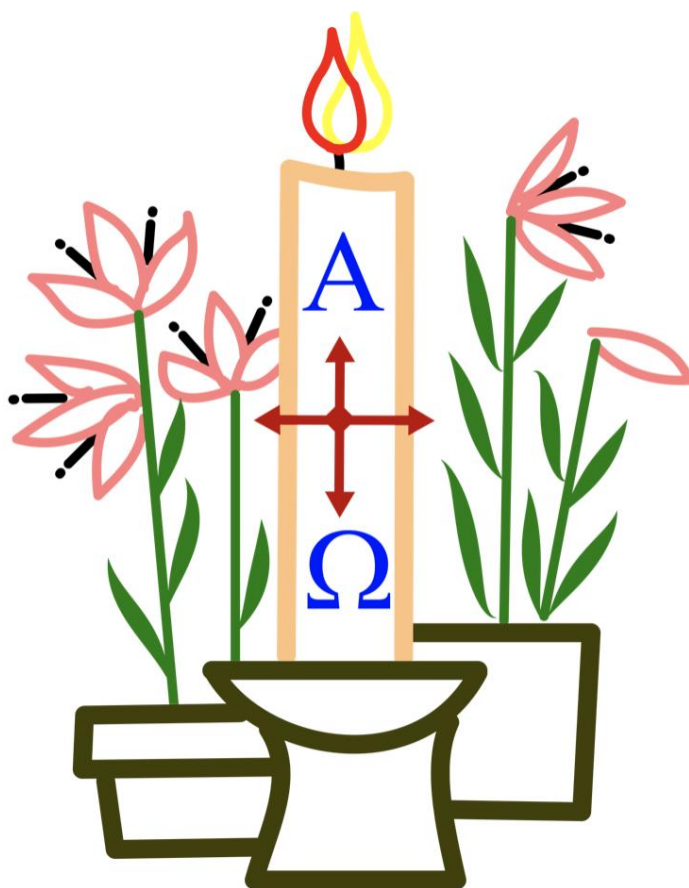




**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

# Easter Day



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

March 31, 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.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

*Morning Has Broken*  
(Randy Latimer, Violinist)

arr. by Don Michael Dicie

### Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

### Finding the Alleluias

The Rev. Will Drosos

### Procession

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#207 Hymnal 1982

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

### **The Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**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.**

*The Song of Praise can be found on Page 4*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri-une Ma - jes - ty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

### Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn    *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright! 1,2,3 / 4,5*    #193 Hymnal 1982



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; alt. acc. John F. Erickson (b. 1938).

## **The Gospel**

## **Mark 16:1-8**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Will Drosos**

## **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 (Form III, adapted)**

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Rishabh, Lori, Joshua, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Mary, our Deacon in Training; Caroline, our Intern; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President, Glenn, our Governor, Jimmy, our Supervisor, and all officials in Fairfax County;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, remembering Ethan, Vincent, Megan, Irene, Lucy, Baby Vera, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Mari, Bruce, Bill, Jack, Caroline, Herb, Bill, Fran, Eddie, Skeets, Lisa, KP, Diane, and those whom you would name *[pause]*, praying;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died, especially all those in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and those beloved whom you would name *[pause]*. Give to the departed eternal rest,  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those for whom altar flowers were given in thanksgiving or in honor, those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Thomas Regan and Thampi Cheryan, those celebrating anniversaries this week, and those blessings you would name *[pause]*, saying;  
**Alleluia! We give you thanks and praise, O 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**

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

### **The Offertory**

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.



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### **Offertory Anthem**

*I Got Me Flowers*

**by Daniel Burton**

I got me flowers to strew thy way,  
I got me boughs off many a tree,  
But thou wast up by break of day,

And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The sun arising in the east, though he give light the earth perfume,  
If they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume.  
Can there be any day but this, though many suns to shine endeavor?

We count three hundred, but we miss;

There is but one, there is but one, and that one ever.

Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia!

### **The Doxology** *(to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")*

**#400 Hymnal 1982**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**



## 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 B

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.**

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: #858 Wonder, Love, and Praise

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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.

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.**

### The Fraction – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is divided into three sections: 'Cantor' (3/4 time), 'Choir' (3/4 time), and 'Congregation & Choir' (4/4 time). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues the lyrics: 'ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff continues: 'There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' The fourth staff concludes with: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and rests.

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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**

*Come Away to the Skies, My Beloved*

**#213 Hymnal 1982**

*Unison or harmony*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
 \*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,  
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive  
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
 4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,  
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —  
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —  
 3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —  
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —  
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

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**Communion Anthem**

***Now Sing We Alleluia!* by Heinrich von Herzogenberg  
 (Randy Latimer, Violinist)**

A hymn of glory let us sing,  
 New hymns throughout the world will ring:

Now sing we alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today,  
 Sing songs of praise along his way;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!

Good Christians all rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King;

Now sing we alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

Singing today in one accord;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!

**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**

May 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**

*Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

**#208 Hymnal 1982**

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

**The Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**      Partita on *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage, Barbara Wicks, Jan Hamilton
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Caroline Mitchell, Betsy Heilman
Healing Minister	Mary Cushing
Flower Guild	St. Thomas Flower Guild
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
Ushers	Lynne Montgomery, Katie & Scott Woodard
Fellowship Hour	St. Thomas Easter Potluck
Counters	Peter Reddaway

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments,  
all welcome.

Please join us for the Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch immediately following the service today!





## *Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by*

**Audrey Adair & Walter Lazear**, *in Thanksgiving for our families.*

**Louise Armitage**, *in Thanksgiving for my family.*

**Toby & Nici Bush**, *in Thanksgiving for friends and family, near and far.*

**Susan & Jack Cowart**, *in Thanksgiving for blessings received.*

**Kittie Ellis**, *in Loving Memory of Kent, Natalie, Eve, Ruth, Nate, and Harvey.*

**Chris & Graham Forward**, *in Loving Memory of Richard Forward, Phyllis Forward, and Ted Bishop*

**Revs. Fran Gardner-Smith & David Smith**, *in Loving Memory of Judy Smith, Glenn & Marie Smith, and Frank & Barbara Gardner; and in Thanksgiving for my colleagues: Will, Rishabh, Karen, Lori, Joshua, Mary, Caroline, and Nicole.*







## *Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by*

**Jan & Chuck Grimes**, *in Loving Memory of Chuck Miller, Ilene Miller, Debbie Rylant, Peter Koeller, Doug Grimes, and Rob Everhart; and In Thanksgiving for family.*

**Rick Michaelson**, *in Loving Memory of Fr. Peter Gray and Fred Wahl.*

**Betsy & Peter Reddaway**, *in Thanksgiving for our families, especially the new babies!*

**Debby & KP Reed**, *in Loving Memory of Norman & Pauline Reed, David J. Antanitus, George & Margaret McConeghy, Mike McCaffree, Paul & Hilda Flaig, and Tommy Davidson; and in Thanksgiving for Matt & Sharon McConeghy Reed, The McCaffree Family, The Antanitus Family, The Antanitus Family, The Reed Family, and The Hagwood Family.*

**Wade & Berta Smith**, *in Loving Memory of our beloved son, Ward Willis; and in Thanksgiving for Reagan Fodrie Smith, our granddaughter.*

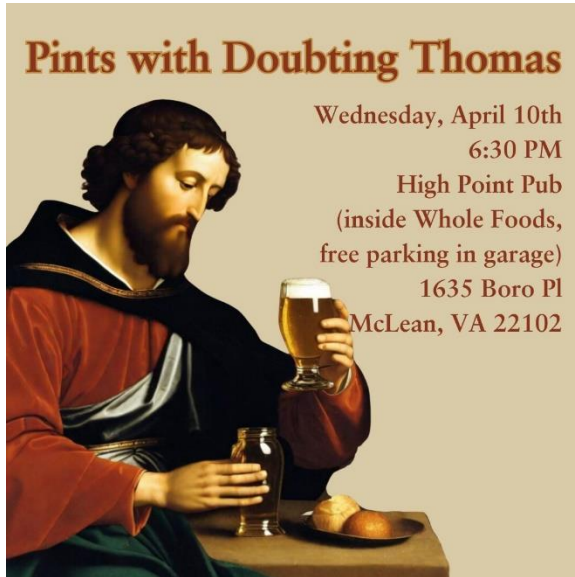
**Anne & Jon Spear**, *in Thanksgiving for our many blessings.*

**Stephen & Phyllis Wickman**, *in Loving Memory of Peter, Helen, Marcia, Sandy, and Ed.*



## 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

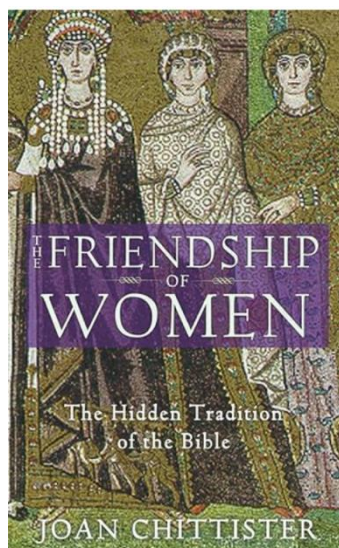


### Pints with Doubting Thomas continues on April 10<sup>th</sup>!

We will continue our discussion on: *Did God Kill Jesus?* In other words, what does the cross mean for us? Join us as we unpack some of the ways in which the Christian tradition has interpreted Jesus's death and resurrection, and what it means for our lives.

**All are welcome, please join us!**

## 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.

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## LUNCH BUNCH 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY Let's Celebrate!

Monday, April 29 11:15 at Red's Table  
(South Lakes Shopping Ctr.)  
11150 S Lakes Drive in Reston  
<https://redstableva.com/menu/>

Text Audrey at 813.956.7550  
or Tricia at 571.244.3142 for info.



Enter the dark world of the Scottish play, where witches, warriors and the woods are emboldened by prophecies foretelling unexpected greatness leading to untimely ends. Verdi's musical masterpiece and Shakespeare's legendary antiheroes entwine in this tale of lust for power steeped in blood. Join us for an immersive and spellbinding experience of operatic proportions in a jewel box setting at St. Thomas in McLean, or Grace in the Plains.

Visit [Shakespeareoperatheatre.com](http://Shakespeareoperatheatre.com) for tickets and more information.

Tickets start at \$39.50 | Groups of 10 or more get 10% off

### The Galloway Memorial Fund

Shakespeare Opera Theatre is 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!

**(Flyers for these Shakespeare Opera Theatre events are available in the narthex)**

## ***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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