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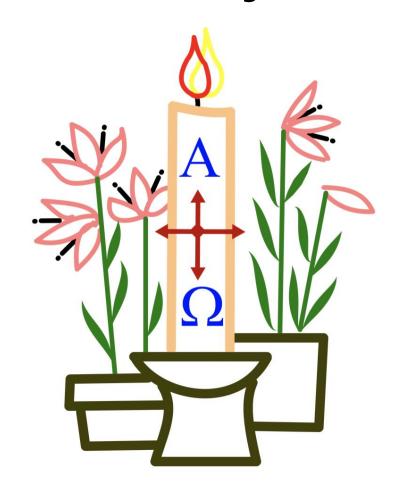
in the spiritual strength

of community,

and to care, reach out,

and include all people in Christ's love.

Second Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM April 7, 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.

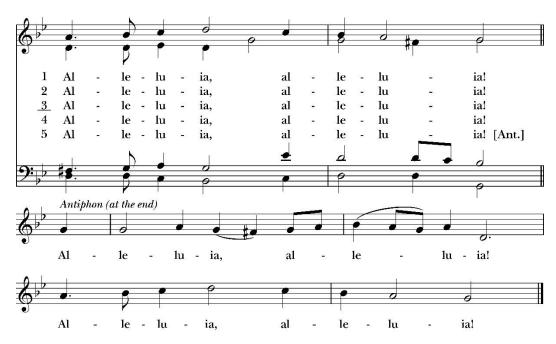
THE WORD OF GOD

Introit Alleluia #1

#178 Hymnal 1982

Welcome The Rev. Will Drosos

Procession O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing #203 Hymnal 1982 Antiphon (at the beginning) Al le lu - ia, al le lu - ia! Al le - lu ia, al lu ia! le O King sons and daugh-ters, let sing! The of heaven, the us That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo men an - gel clad in white 3 An they see, who sat and spake un -That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; midst them their came a On this most ho - ly day of days, God your hearts to and glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri um - phing. went their way to seek the tomb where Te sus lay. the three, "Your Lord doth Gal i - lee." to go to peace Lord most dear. "My all here." and said. be on voic es raise, laud and ju bi lee and praise.



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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.

During the singing of the Song of Praise (music can be found on Page 4), children from Pre-K to 3rd
Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (We will pray Psalm 133 responsively by half verse)

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

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, Lucy, Baby Vera, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Mari, Bruce, Bill, Jack, Caroline, Herb, Bill, Fran, Eddie, Skeets, Lisa, KP, Diane, Carolyn, Olga, and those whom you would name [pause], praying;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially 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 celebrating birthdays this week, 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.



It's Easy to Give Electronically to St. Thomas

Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website: https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate.

Offertory Anthem

How Very Good and Pleasant

by Arlen Clarke

How very good and pleasant,
How very good to see,
When kindred live together,
together in unity.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
Which falls upon the hills,
For there the Lord gives blessing,
And there our spirit fills.

For peace shall come upon you,
Annointing ev'ry race,
The precious oil of Aaron,
The precious gift of grace.
The poor shall be uplifted,
The scornful be made low,
The Lord ordains his blessing,
And life, forever more.

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

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.

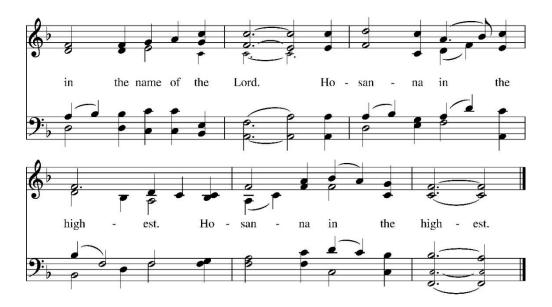
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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





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

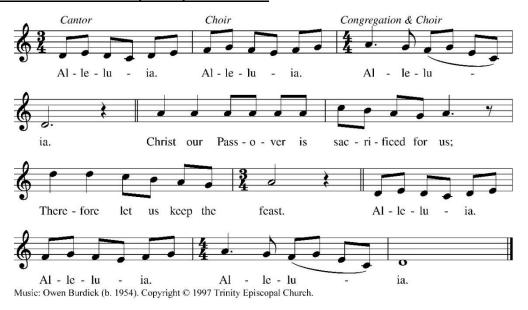
everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

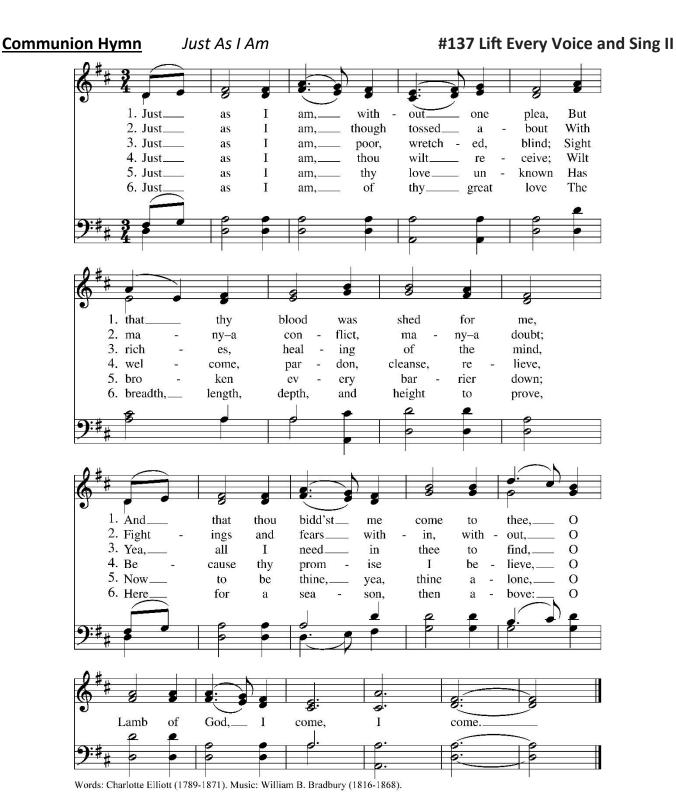
The Fraction – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise



The 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.

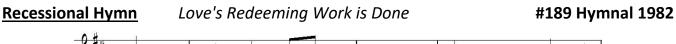
Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

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





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 Variations on *Blessed Assurance*

Worship Participants

| Worship i di delpants | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Presider | Rev. Will Drosos | | | |
| Preacher | Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith | | | |
| Altar Guild | Susan Cowart | | | |
| Digital Usher | Audrey Adair | | | |
| Digital Verger | Jeff Crigler | | | |
| Children's Chapel | Lael Lyons & Caroline Mitchell | | | |
| Eucharistic Minister (EM) | Scott Johnston & Caroline Mitchell | | | |
| Healing Minister | Mary Cushing | | | |
| Flower Guild | Louise Armitage | | | |
| Lector & Intercessor | Ed Rhodes | | | |
| Ushers | Becky Ventorini | | | |
| Fellowship Hour | Betsy Reddaway | | | |

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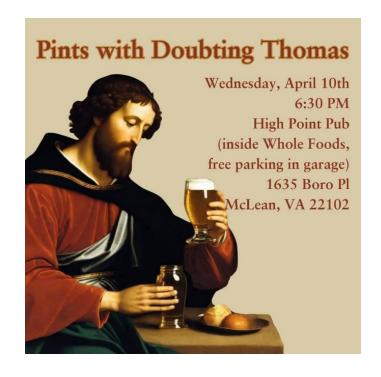
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Request for Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are currently requesting Sunday Fellowship Hour hosts for Late April 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 cohost with another person or family!)

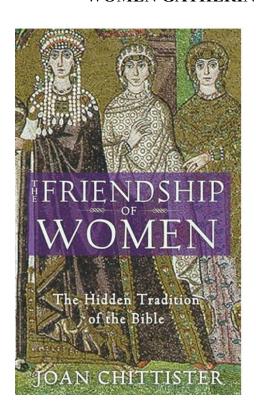


Pints with Doubting Thomas continues on April 10th!

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

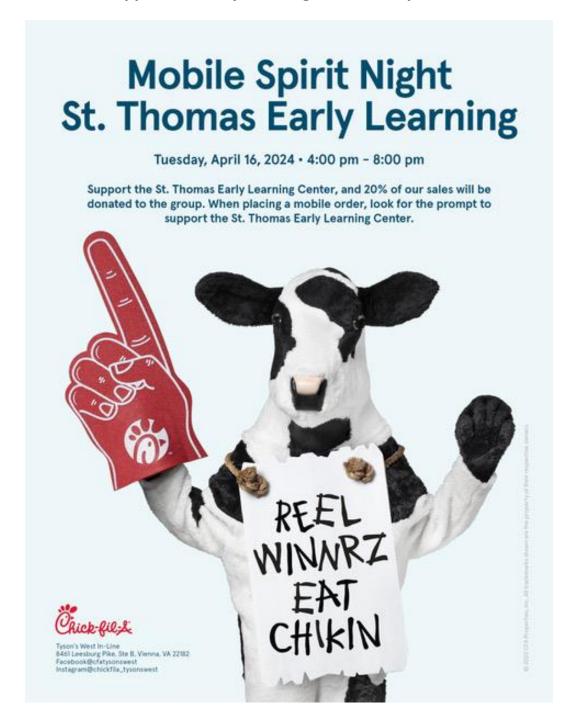


Ladies, please join us Thursday, **April 11, at 4:30**. We'll discuss Bible women Veronica, Elizabeth, and Ruth (pages 45-63) in *The Friendship of Women*, available on Amazon. Mary, our Deacon in training, will lead the discussion and reveal how each woman brings out a different quality of friendship.

For inquiries, email Betsy at eheilman2003@yahoo.com, and for the Zoom link, email Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com.



Support the Early Learning Center on April 16th!



Note: This fundraiser is happening at the Tyson's West Location 8461 Leesburg Pike Ste B, Vienna, VA 22182

Living in Christ Class Continues in April

Our Living in Christ class was on hiatus during Lent, but it resumed after Easter on April 2. We have two more meetings. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings, 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





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 for tickets and more information. Tickets start at \$39.50 | Groups of 10 or more get 10% off

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)

(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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