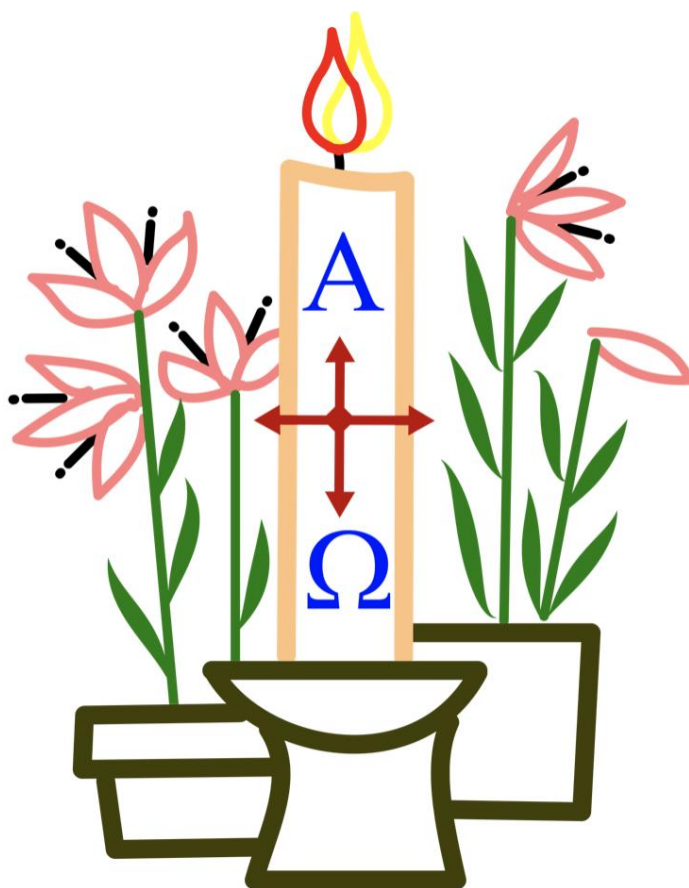




ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

Third Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 14, 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. Fran Gardner-Smith

Procession Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

#212 Hymnal 1982

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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, children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Song of Praise

Alleluia, alleluia!

#191 Hymnal 1982

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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (*We will pray Psalm 4 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
**how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

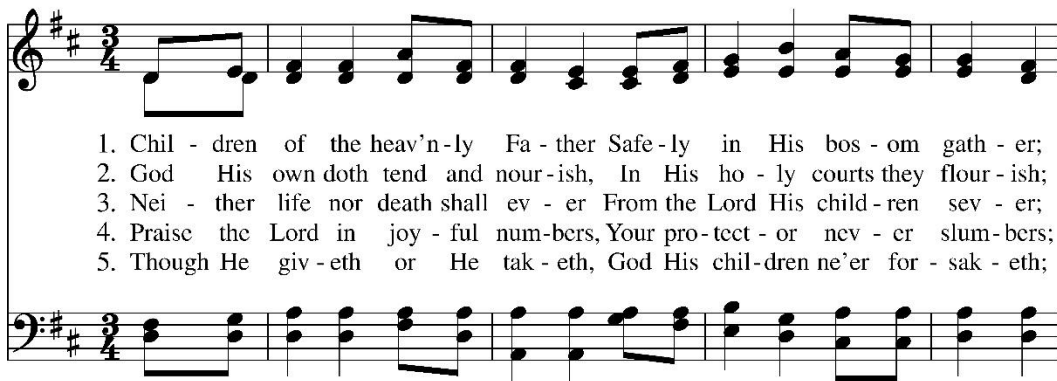
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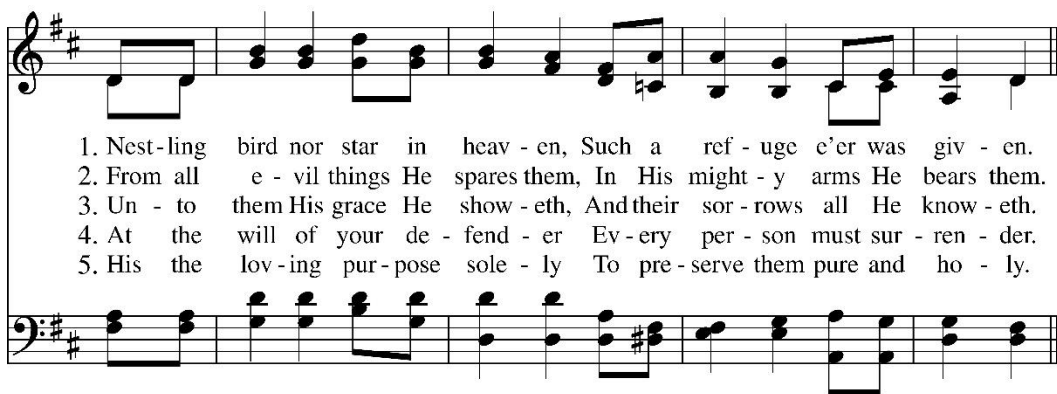
Sequence Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father 1,2,3 / 4,5

#213 LEVAS II



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child - ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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.

As the next prayer is prayed, please join in saying the names of those on our St. Thomas prayer list.

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 Oliver Bush and Danielle Fairchild celebrating birthdays this week, Todd & Jean Kemp celebrating their wedding anniversary 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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<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen

by James Kirkby

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the Dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of your face.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! To the Savior
who has gained the victory.

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

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 a single staff with a treble clef. It begins in 3/4 time and changes to 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 parts are labeled as Cantor, Choir, and Congregation & Choir.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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 offer both the common cup and a 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.

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

You're Called by Name, Forever Loved

#766 WLP

1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -

dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to

fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

Refrain

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Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
 In your hands we place your own. Lord,
 Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
 in their lives make your love known.

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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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

#174 Hymnal 1982

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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 Improvisations on *Victory*

Worship Participants

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Presider | Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith |
| Preacher | Rev. Will Drosos |
| Altar Guild | Barbara Wicks |
| Digital Usher | Audrey Adair |
| Digital Verger | Walter Lazear |
| Children's Chapel | Lael Lyons & Caroline Mitchell |
| Eucharistic Minister (EM) | Louise Armitage & Caroline Mitchell |
| Healing Minister | Rev. David Smith |
| Flower Guild | Cleta Raymond |
| Lector & Intercessor | Louise Armitage |
| Usher | Ed Rhodes |
| Fellowship Hour Hosts | Alison Pruitt & Fred Young |
| Counters | Ed Rhodes |

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments,
all welcome.

**In honor of Earth Day, watch a movie with us!
Next Sunday, April 21st, at 11:30 in the sanctuary**

We'll be screening "Common Ground," an award-winning documentary narrated by Laura Dern. The film addresses harmful practices in the US food industry, including as a legacy of racism. It shows that a healthier approach to food production is through regenerative farming, which aims to restore the soil, grow healthy food, and provide hope for the future. The run time is 105 minutes. We'll have snacks.

Support the Early Learning Center on April 16th!

Mobile Spirit Night St. Thomas Early Learning

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 • 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Support the St. Thomas Early Learning Center, and 20% of our sales will be donated to the group. When placing a mobile order, look for the prompt to support the St. Thomas Early Learning Center.



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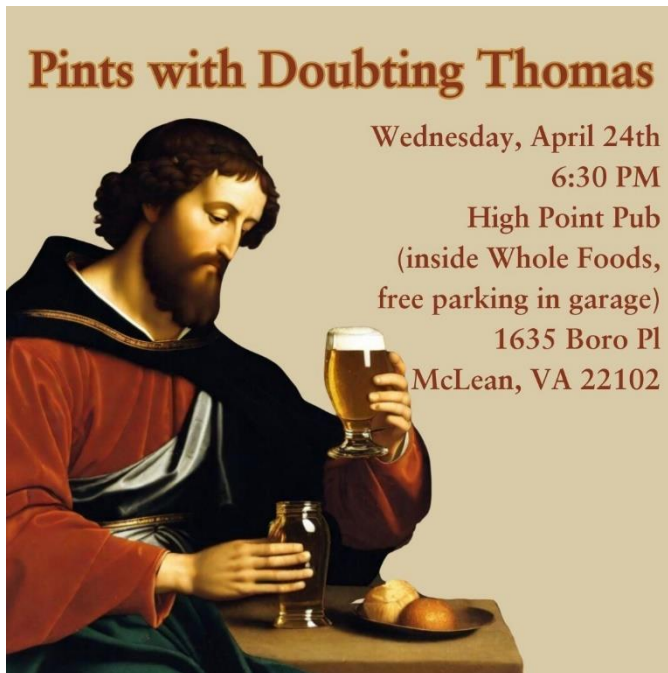
ECW Book Group April 17th at 7:30 PM

The next meeting of the ECW Book Group will be Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 PM in Hudson Hall and online. The book is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. BYO drinks and refreshments.

Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89946162066?pwd=bHEwb2I5RTI1enEwSWk1N2FOU01dz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4616 2066

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Pints with Doubting Thomas continues on April 24th!

Our next topic: *What the Hell is Salvation?*

We will unpack and discuss all things salvation using three questions:

- 1) What is salvation?
- 2) Who is saved?
- 3) Based on the answers to the first two questions, then why be Christian? Is it all about salvation?

All are welcome, please join us!

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

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Let's Celebrate!**

**Monday, April 29
11:15 at Red's Table**

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or Tricia at 571.244.3142 for info.



Request for Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are currently requesting Sunday Fellowship Hour hosts for May and June. 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!)

Shakespeare Opera Theatre Events in May and July (please grab a flyer in the Narthex)



May 5th 2024 | 5:00-7:30 PM

An Evening to Remember: Concert and Picnic

Hear beautiful operatic and sacred music in a spring garden atmosphere. Tickets are free, but space is limited! Reserve your tickets at shakespeareoperatheatre.com

Picnic food and drink for sale, donations accepted online or in person.



July 12, 13, 14, 20 & 21 2024

Shakespeare + Verdi's Macbeth

Enter the dark world of the Scottish play, where witches, warriors and even the woods themselves are emboldened by prophecies foretelling expected greatness leading to unexpected and untimely ends. Verdi's operatic masterpiece and Shakespeare's legendary antiheroes entwine in this spellbinding tale of lust for power steeped in blood. These popular intimate performances often sell out-get your tickets now! shakespeareoperatheatre.com

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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