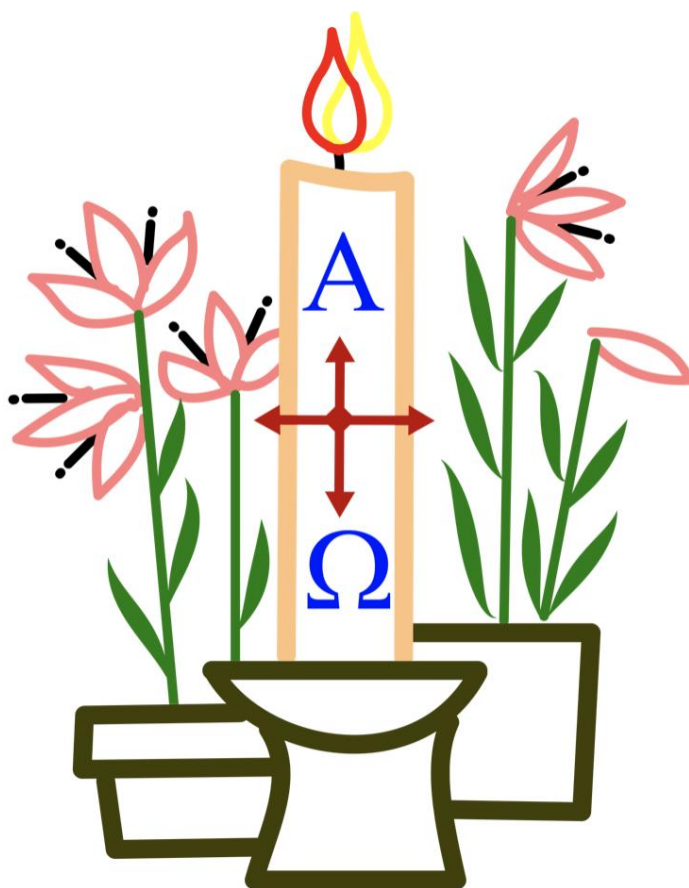




ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 21, 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 *You, Lord, We Praise in Songs of Celebration*

#319 Hymnal 1982



1 You, Lord, we praise in songs of cel - e - bra - tion for this
2 You, Lord, in our stead to the grave de - scend - ed when by



feast of our sal - va - tion. Here at your
sin our life was end - ed. No great - er



ta - ble ev - ery life you nour - ish; by your grace we
love than this to you could bind us; dai - ly still your



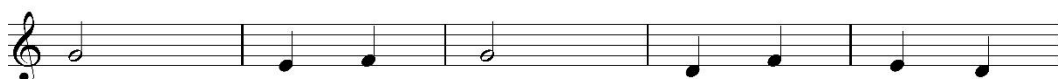
all may flour - ish. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
mer - cies find us. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



In the light of your In - car - na - tion all cre -
Bind our hearts as one we im - plore you, who a -



a - tion knows the love of God, and in
dore you and con - fess your Name. Thus may



you finds re - lease that we all might
we ev - er be yours in peace and



live in peace. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
u - ni - ty. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*We will pray Psalm 23 responsively by half verse*)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn can be found on Page 6

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Shepherd of Souls 1,2 / 3,4

#343 Hymnal 1982

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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The Sermon

Dr. Caroline Mitchell

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. Together, we pray for **Ethan, Vincent, 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 Jon Barney, Judi Alexander, and Toby Bush celebrating birthdays this week, those celebrating their wedding 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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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:

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

Offertory Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

by Bach / Schweizer

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am His,
and he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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 a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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 and a 3/4 time signature. It is divided into four lines of music, each with a different vocal part indicated above the staff: Cantor, Choir, Congregation & Choir, and Cantor. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and slurs. 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 music concludes with a double bar line.

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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

During Communion, 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

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

#304 Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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

Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#708 Hymnal 1982

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

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 *Resignation*

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Ed Rhodes
Altar Guild	Mary Cushing
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walter Lazear
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Will Drosos
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Steve Wickman & Mary Cushing
Healing Minister	Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Lector & Intercessor	Rev. David Smith
Usher	Louise Rosenburgh
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Mahan & Mojan Mohammadi

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments,
all welcome.

**In honor of Earth Day, watch a movie with us!
Right after the service today 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.

Donate Your Eclipse Glasses by May 5th!

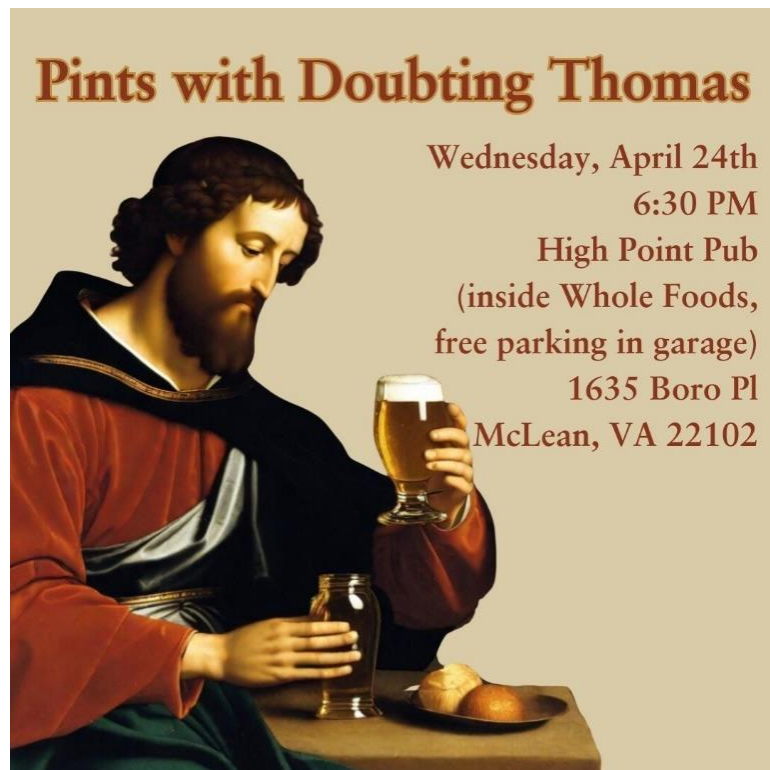


Astronomers Without Borders (AWB) will distribute donated, used eclipse glasses to people in countries scheduled to have a future solar eclipse. **Warby Parker**, opticians, is collecting used glasses at any of their locations and will send them to AWB. **St. Thomas is collecting glasses through Sunday, May 5**, and will deliver them to Warby Parker in Tysons Mall. There is a collection box in the Narthex.

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



Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, April 24th
6:30 PM
High Point Pub
(inside Whole Foods,
free parking in garage)
1635 Boro Pl
McLean, VA 22102

**Pints with Doubting Thomas
continues on April 24th!**

What the Hell is Salvation?

Part 1: How are we saved?

All are welcome, please join us!

LUNCH BUNCH
2ND 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.





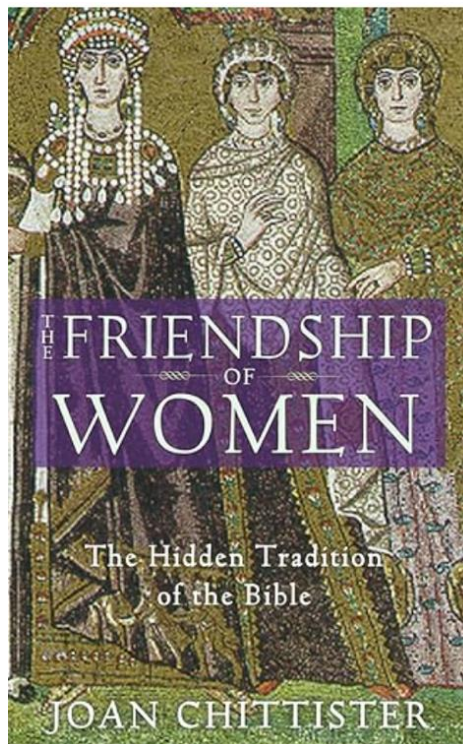
Introducing our new Seminarian, Beth Clarke!

Beth (she/her), from the Diocese of Arizona, is thrilled to join us as our seminarian this fall. In her second, or “middler” year of the master’s in divinity program at VTS, she is with us completing the cornerstone of her degree program: her contextual ministry placement (or “field ministry internship”). She could not feel more blessed to be learning with and in the St. Thomas community.

A Chicagoland native, after graduating from Illinois State University, she escaped the cold, moving to Arizona to teach English, religion, public speaking, and debate at a Jesuit prep school in Phoenix. In addition to teaching, Beth grew up competing in speech and debate and is a nationally recognized competitive speech and debate coach. While teaching and

coaching in Phoenix, she earned a master’s in education from Northern Arizona University in Secondary English Education and a master’s degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, New Orleans, with a concentration in Christian Spirituality. Sixteen years into her teaching career in Arizona, she realized a lifelong dream to teach abroad. In 2019, she moved to Taipei, Taiwan, to join the faculty at Taipei American School for four years before returning to America in 2023 to start seminary. While touring Asia was a wonderful adventure, Beth’s parents in Scottsdale and her brother’s family in Maryland are thrilled she is back on the continent (she missed them an awful lot, too). Today, Beth is living into her next adventure: her call to holy orders. While she finds it a bit strange to find herself back in a dorm room, she relishes the gift of being a full-time graduate student learning from brilliant, faithful professors alongside other enthusiastic seminarians. Outside of seminary time, Beth enjoys exploring the DMV, hanging out with her nieces, reading modern fiction, arguing about the appropriate use of ketchup, and drinking entirely too much coffee.

WOMEN GATHERING ZOOM MEETUP



Ladies, please join us on **May 9th, at 4:30** as we finish reading *Friendship of Women* by Joan Chittister. We'll be talking about Anne, Miriam and Mary Magdalene (pages 65-84). Mary, our Deacon in training, will lead the discussion as we discuss how Chittister explores the sacred dimension of friendship through the lens of faith, tradition, scripture, and the social sciences, and reveals the often-overlooked voices and experiences of women in the Bible. The book is available on Amazon. For inquiries and the Zoom link, you can email Betsy or Mary at ehelman2003@yahoo.com or mecu1010@aol.com

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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