

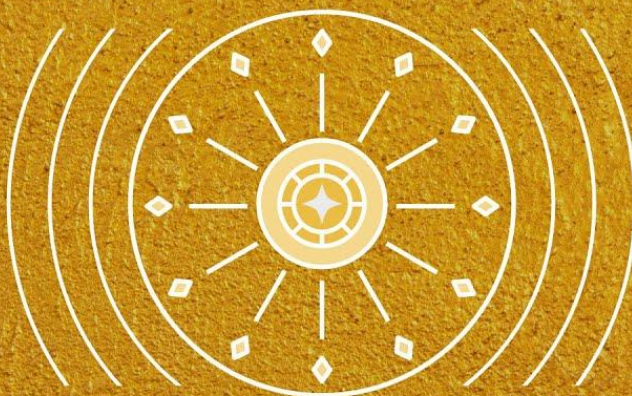


ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

The Light Has Come



THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

February 23, 2025

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

Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

Introit

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Carol McClure

Procession

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#390 Hymnal 1982

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy reign - eth: borne as on eagle - wings, safe - ly his fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hasthou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever Amen.

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 Gloria (found on Page 4), children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Gloria

Glory to You

#S236 Hymnal 1982



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord



God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will



praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant



5. Glo - ry to you, be -



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.
 O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 37 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord *

and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *

**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today 1,2 / 3,4

#176 LEVAS II

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
2. If I have turned a - side from want or pain,
3. If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
2. Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
3. When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

1,2,3. *D.C.* 4.
Dear Lord, for - give (for-give)! A - men (A-men).

Words: C. M. Battersby. Music: Charles Gabriel (1856-1932).

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the

cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Ms. Diane Wright, Global Mission Advocate for the Diocese of Virginia

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

The prayers of the people is a time for us to share our prayers with one another as we lift them together to God. Kneeling as you are able, let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; for Fran, Will, Caroline, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; for Beth, our Seminarian; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas; Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer. We pray for **Ethan, Vincent, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Barbara, Andrew, Tony, Melissa, Jan, Tom, Scott, Vera, Steve, Kelli and Brent, Caroline, Rick, Rachel, Nancy, Jim, Jackie**, and all those you would name *[pause]*.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbors, our families and this community of which we are a part. We pray for David Thode and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for all the blessings you now name *[pause]*.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the faithful departed, including Cathy Bravo, cousin of Ed Rhodes, who died last weekend, and those whom you would name *[pause]*. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.



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

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Mark Schweizer

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and a-round us lies:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and above, for all thoughts and gentle mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

To your Church that evermore Lifts holy hands above,
Off'ring up on every shore, Her pure sacrifice of love:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Doxology

#76 Hymnal 1982, Verse 5

5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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 in front of the pulpit on the left as you face the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: #S125 Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Thomas and all your people into the joy of our

true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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: #S164 Hymnal 1982

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. ~ from St.

Augustine's Prayer Book

The Communion Hymn can be found on Page 16

Communion Hymn

Be Still and Know That I Am God

#92 Voices Found

S
4 Oh _____ oh _____

T
3 I am the God that heal - eth thee

A
2 In thee O God I put my trust in

S
A
1 Be still _____ and know

T
B

oh _____ oh _____

I am the God that heal - eth thee.

thee O God I put my trust.

that _____ I _____ am God.

Oh _____ oh _____

I am the God that heal - eth thee

In thee O God I put my trust in

Be still _____ and know _____

oh _____ oh _____

I am the God that heal - eth thee.

thee O God I put my trust.

that _____ I _____ am God.

The part numbered 1 should be sung alone and repeated several times. Then the parts numbered 2, 3 and 4 are added one at a time repeating each new group several times before the next part enters. There is no end to the tune, and you may continue as long as forever, or bring the parts out in reverse order (4-3-2-1) for a tidier finish.

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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

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustingly, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the reign of God. 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

Before the Lord's Eternal Throne

#391 Hymnal 1982

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Sunday February 23, 2025

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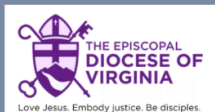
Guest Preacher

Adult Forum Conversation during Coffee Hour



- Why do we engage in Global Mission?
- What are current best practices for global mission work?
- What are our interests and capacities for this work?
- How might St. Thomas re-engage in Global Mission?

Join the conversation on February 23rd



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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More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

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Global Mission Coffee Hour Forum

Many in the congregation have an interest in re-engaging in mission beyond our US borders. After church today, Ms. Diane Wright, Global Mission Advocate for the Diocese of Virginia and our guest preacher, will lead a conversation during coffee hour. She'll help us begin the process of discerning if we are being called to enter into a new global mission partnership and if so where and how. Join us!

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Ladies Lunch Bunch

4th Monday, February 24th at 11:15 am

Silver Diner

8101 Fletcher St in McLean

<https://www.silverdiner.com/>

Contact Tricia at (571) 244-3142 if you want to RSVP or if you are running late.

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. Join us for learning and conversation about theology in a relaxed environment. The first round of drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) is on us! Please reach out to Rev. Will or Rishabh if you'd like to learn more. This month, we will be talking about prayer.

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Women Gathering Zoom Meetup

We've rescheduled!

February 27th at 4:30 pm

Join us as Rev. Fran leads a discussion of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. We will continue with:

"The Beast" (preface) p. 113 and Chapters 5 "Resistance Stories" p. 115. The book is available on AMAZON in paperback, e-book, and audiobook.

For more details, contact Betsy ehelman2003@yahoo.com and for the ZOOM link, Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com

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Joy's Ordination to the Diaconate

Saturday, March 1st at 10:30 am

God willing, the Rt. Reverend Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, will ordain Kara Louise Laughlin, Anne Kristine Rose, and Joy Yvonne Warburton to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington. Full address: 915 N. Oakland St., Arlington, VA 22203.

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The livestream is available on the parish website: saintgeorgeschurch.org/live
The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor of your presence. The festal color is red. Please join us! If you would like to bring something for the reception, sign up on this Google doc by Sunday, February 23rd:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1agmqVT1VHUQ791INMeoc_TSIVHVtCwLTMM0Tqf5j9hE/edit?usp=sharing

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ECW Welcome Table

Sunday, March 2nd 4-5:30pm in Hudson Hall

Join us for our first Welcome Table of 2025! We are partnering with the ECW to build our own large United Thank Offering box and hear from Janette Thode about this year's theme: water. We will also do a gratitude activity, pray together, and share a meal.

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Mardi Gras and Shrove Tuesday Pancakes!

Tuesday, March 4th 6-8pm in Hudson Hall

Laissez les Bontemps Roulez! Let the Good Times Roll! Please join us for our annual Mardi Gras Party and Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. There will be fun and games and plenty of food. Bring a friend! And join us for a decorating party after church on March 2nd.

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Coffee Hour Hosts needed for March - May

Coffee hour sign-ups are available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help! Please contact me directly with any questions. Becky Ventorini, Fellowship Hour Coordinator

beckyventorini@gmail.com
Home (703) 288-3166 / Cell: (202) 390-4412
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-52775851-stthomas>



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This Week

Monday February 24th

11:15 am – Ladies Lunch Bunch
12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday February 25th

12 pm – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday February 26th

10 am – Staff Meeting
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday February 27th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer
4:30 pm – Women Gathering Zoom Meetup
7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 28th

11 am – Mclean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday March 1st

10:30 am – Joy Warburton's Ordination

Sunday March 2nd

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
4 pm – Welcome Table