



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.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

March 2, 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. Dr. Caroline Mitchell

Introit

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Carol McClure

Procession

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

#460 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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 God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

During convention in November, Bishop Stevenson invited every parish in the diocese to help kick off Shrine Mont’s 100th anniversary during our services on Transfiguration Sunday, March 2, 2025. The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration was consecrated as our diocesan cathedral on Feast of the Transfiguration August 6, 1925.

The Collect for Shrine Mont’s Centennial

O God, who on the holy Mount revealed your wonderfully transfigured Son to his chosen witnesses, and inspired The Rev. Dr. Edmund Woodward a century ago to build the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont - a sacred place where all are welcome to bask in God's love: Grant that those who visit this place may find peace, your presence, and the inspiration to return to our communities as your disciples bringing hope and reconciling love to a world desperate for your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 (*We will pray Psalm 99 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn can be found on Page 8

The Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak 1,2 / 3,4

#129 Hymnal 1982

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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

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 Jeff Crigler, Margaret Sheeran, Alan 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 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

Christ Upon the Mountain Stands

Robert W. Lehman

Christ upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing;
Blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory;
chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story,
Alleluia, alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him:
This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains our voices raising
for this vision's mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praising.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

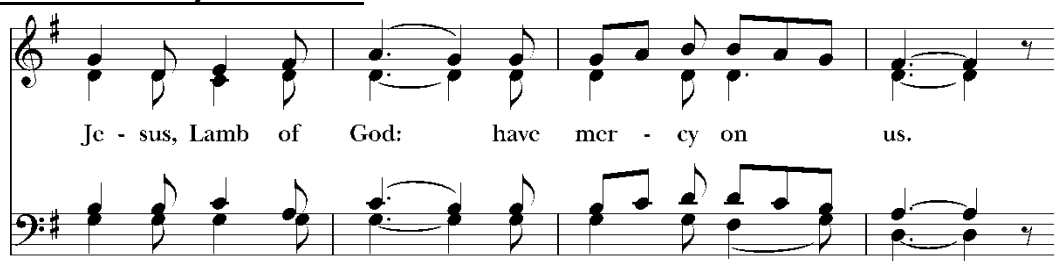
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time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

Communion Hymn *Sing Alleluia Forth in Duteous Praise* #777 Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
 2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
 3. Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
 4. Yc who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,

ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less
 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less
 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain an end - less
 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song, an end - less

al - le - lu - ia.

5. Your songs of triumph shall forever ring,
 the hymns which tell the honor of your King,
 an endless alleluia.
6. Such song is rest and food and deep delight
 to saints forgiven; let them all unite
 in endless alleluia.
7. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing
 all laud forevermore; to thee we bring
 an endless alleluia.

Words: Latin, 5th-8th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940. Music: Piepkorn, Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950).

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.**

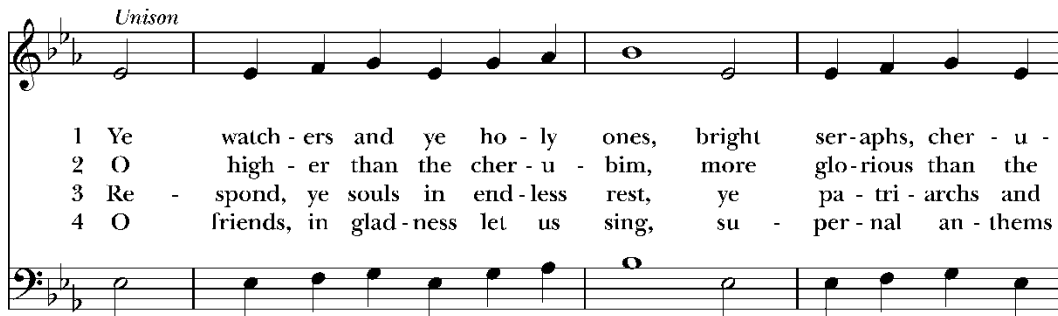
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Recessional Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

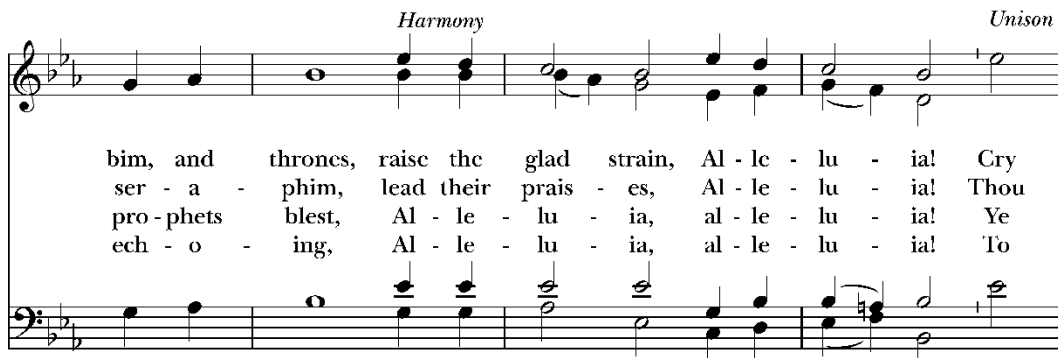
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Unison



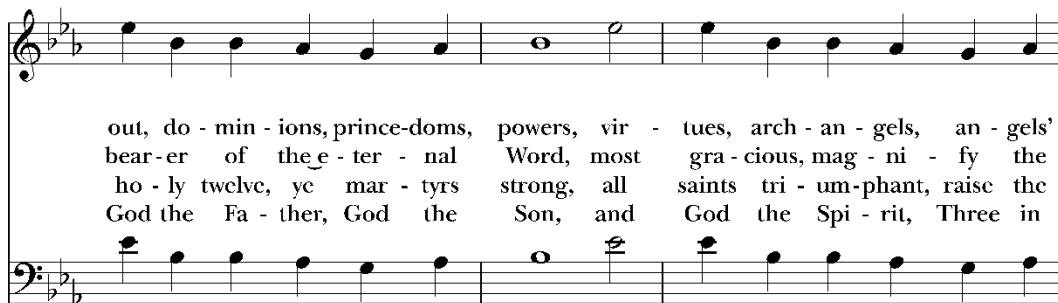
1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ial Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ial Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial To

Unison



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

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

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage & Diane Ferris
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Nicole Warga
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Johnston
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Flower Guild	Jane Frierson
Lector & Intercessor	Beth Clarke
Usher	Jan Hamilton
Fellowship Hour Host	Melinda Fairchild
Counters	Lynne Montgomery & Will Ferris

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

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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ECW Welcome Table

TODAY, 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 please consider joining us early to help set up.

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Ash Wednesday Services

March 5th at noon and 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday, the annual service that begins the season of Lent, is this upcoming Wednesday. The service at noon will be spoken and in-person only. The service at 7:30 will be online and in-person and have music.

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Thoughts for Difficult Times

An 8-Week Support Group for Federal Workers and Contractors starting March 6th

Meeting each Thursday from 7-8:15, we will have a support group for federal workers and contractors in this difficult season of federal workforce changes. This is offered by Across Counseling and the group will be facilitated by Kathianne Smith, LCSW. Space is limited to 12 attendees, and you can sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHhw4WTikAJOFsE5B-nHvNTXFCF94TTdhdDK8ONbHnAJEPgA/viewform>

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A Pilgrimage with the Stations of the Cross Lenten Program begins March 9th after Church

Led by Beth Clarke, we will explore the history of the stations, we'll experience the service of the Stations of the Cross, and we'll learn ways to use the stations in our own devotions. We'll meet March 9th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th after church. We will also have a special soup supper with esteemed guests on March 18th.

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, March 12th 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! We will continue talking about prayer.

Women Gathering Zoom Meetup

March 13th and 27th at 4:30 pm

Please 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:

- March 13th "The Water" (preface) p. 141 and Chapter 6 "Gospel Stories" p. 147
- March 27th "The Sea" p. 165 and "Fish Stories" p. 175

The book is available on AMAZON in paperback, e-book, and audiobook.

For more details, contact

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ECW Pysanky Workshops

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Women are offering 5 Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) Workshops this year. There will be one workshop on March 25 midday, and two workshops on March 26 and 27, at midday and during the evening. All donations will be given to World Central Kitchen. During the workshop, you will learn to make beautiful pysanka and learn some of the history of this ancient art form. Lunch or dinner will be served.

Here's the link to the sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ACAE29A3FD0-55182944-pysanky#/>

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This Week

Sunday March 2nd

- 4 pm – Welcome Table
- 4 pm – SOT Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm – MIC Ramadan Worship

Monday March 3rd

- 12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- 7 pm – SOT Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm – MIC Ramadan Worship

Tuesday March 4th

- 12 pm – Midweek Eucharist
- 6 pm – Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras

Wednesday March 5th

- 10 am – Staff Meeting
- 12 pm – Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday March 6th

- 10 am – Fairfax Diapers Volunteering
- 12 noon – Noonday Prayer
- 7 pm – Federal Workers Support Group
- 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 7th

- 11 am – MIC Weekly Worship
- 7 pm – SOT Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm – MIC Ramadan Worship

Saturday March 8th

- 7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast
- 2 pm – SOT Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm – MIC Ramadan Worship

Sunday March 9th

- 8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10 am – Worship
- 11:10 am – Lenten Program after Worship
- 2:30 pm – SOT Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm – MIC Ramadan Worship