



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.

Palm Sunday



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 13, 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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation will gather in Hudson Hall

Opening

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

After the palms are distributed the congregation will process to the cross singing, "Hosanna"

Procession to the Large Cross *Hosanna!* by Carol McClure

Hosanna!

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the Highest!

Stopping in front of the Cross, the procession will halt while the following Collect is said:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

Traditional Spiritual

Ride on, King Jesus!
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, Ride on!
No man, can-a hinder me.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse
No man works like Him
de' River Jordan He did cross
No man works like him
I know that my redeemer lives
No man works like Him
And of His blessing freely gives
No man works like Him

Reflection

Ms. Beth Clarke

Sequence Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 1,2,3 / 4,5

#156 Hymnal 1982



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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The Passion Gospel Narrative according to Luke

See booklet

The Prayers of the People

Kneeling as you are able, let us pray.

From pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word,
Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten all bishops, priests, deacons, and church staffs, especially the staff at St. Thomas, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. Give your wisdom and strength to Donald Trump, the President of the United States, Glenn Youngkin, the Governor of Virginia, and the officials of Fairfax County, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. Hear our thanks for the blessings of this life, including Oliver Bush, Danielle Fairchild, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for all the blessings you now name *[pause]*. We pray,

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Yusuf, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Andrew, Jan, Caroline, Jackie, Betsy, Enriqo, Karen, Tricia**, and those whom you would name *[pause]* and provide for those who are homeless, hungry or destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially those whom you would name *[pause]* and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

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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.

UTO Moment of Gratitude

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessings become blessings for others.

The Offertory

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:14



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

Offertory Anthem *Love Bade Me Welcome*

Love bade me welcome:
yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I
lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, you shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.

Roland E. Martin (Poetry by George Herbert)

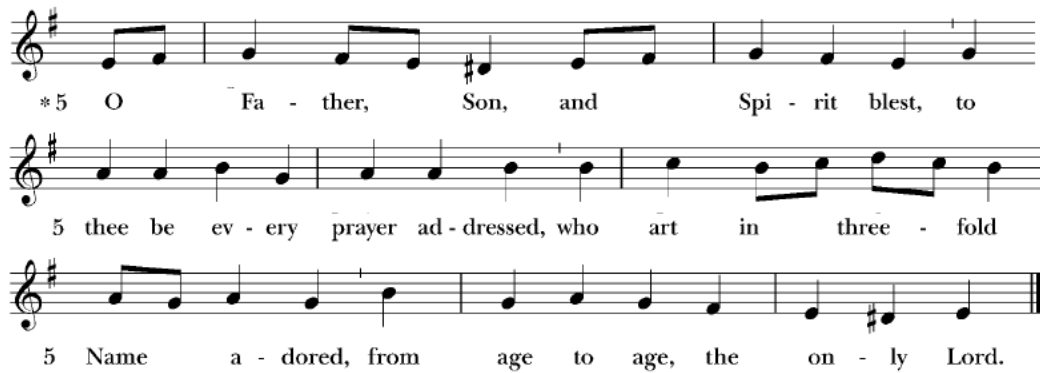
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
who made the eyes, the eyes but I?
Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them:
let my shame go where it does deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?

My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat,
So I did sit and eat.

The Doxology

Hymnal 1982 #143, Verse 5



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 C

(2024 Update Approved by General Convention)

May God 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.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Sanctus on Picardy

Dr. Lori Lind

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a rest for four measures, followed by a melody starting on a half note G4. The lyrics are: "ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might hea-ven and earth are full - of your great glo - ry! Ho-san-na in the high - est ho-san-na in the high - est! comes in the name of the Lord!-- Ho----san-----na! Bless-ed is He who comes - in the name - of - the-Lord! Ho - san-na in the high - est in- the - high - est! ho - san - na in the high - est!". The score includes dynamic markings: *f* at the beginning, *cresc.* (crescendo) over the phrase "comes in the name of the Lord!", and *ff* (fortissimo) at the end. Measure numbers 6, 12, and 17 are indicated at the start of their respective lines.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Fraction *Lenten Fraction on Picardy*

Dr. Lori Lind

Je - sus - Lamb of - God that takes a-way the sins of the world -

8
Je - sus Lamb of - God that takes a-way the sins of the world Have mer - cy u -

16
pon - us, And grant us peace u - pon - the earth

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:

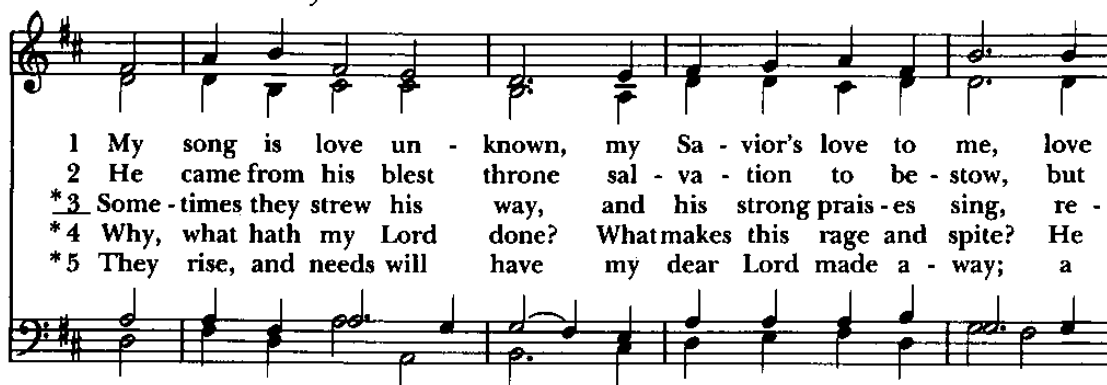
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit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

Communion Anthem

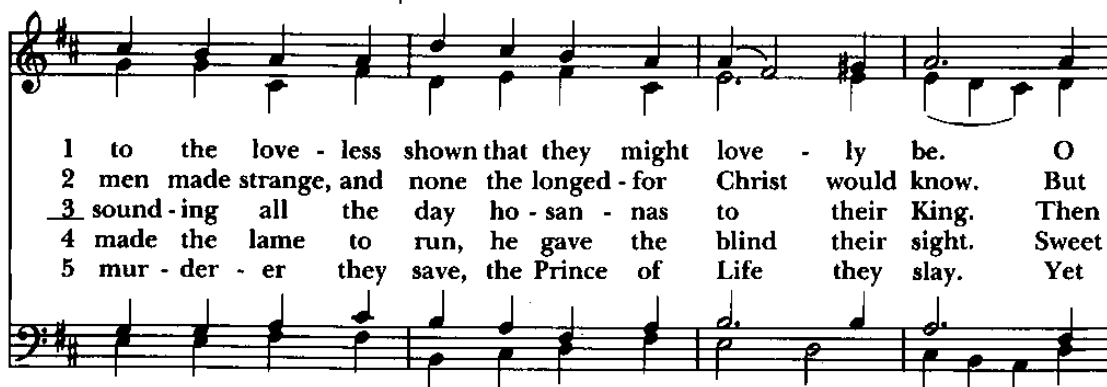
Rejoice in the Lord

Audrey Adair

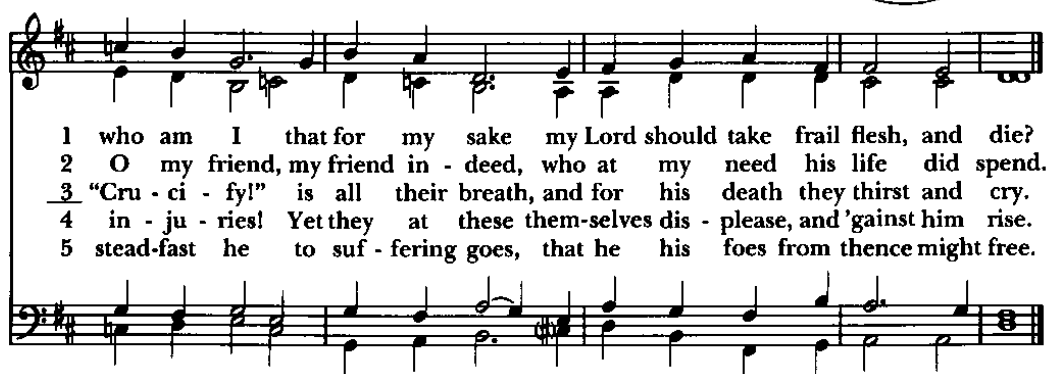
Recorder Trio performed by Audrey Adair, Walter Lazear, and Steve Wickman

Unison or harmony


1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

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

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

#435 Hymnal 1982



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Beth Clarke
Deacon	Rev. Joy Warburton
Acolyte	Susan Cowart
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Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Flower Guild	Louise Armitage
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Eucharistic Minister	Louise Armitage
Healing Minister	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Today is the last day for Easter Flower donations!

Please pick up a form in the Narthex or scan the QR code to download a form:



Please return your form physically or email Rishabh TODAY so we can acknowledge your dedications.

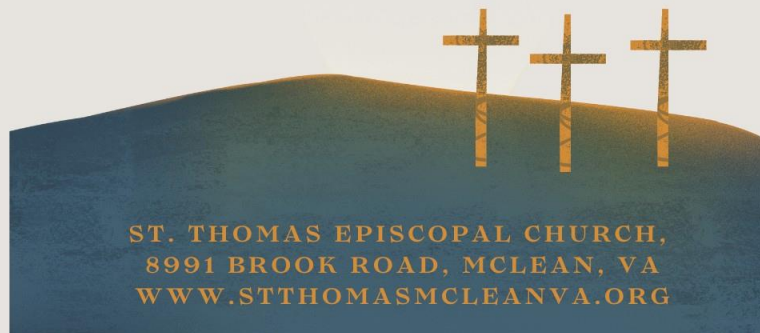
HOLY WEEK 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 17) - Potluck Agape Meal in Hudson Hall at 6:00 PM. Worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom at 7:30 PM. (You are welcome to join one or both.)

Good Friday (April 18) - Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary at noon. Worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom at 7:30 PM.

Holy Saturday (April 19) - Morning Service on Zoom only at 9:00 AM

Zoom link for all services: <https://tinyurl.com/mu5zvtzc>.



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*You are Invited to
Worship with us this Easter!*

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 20 - 10:00 am

Following church on Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt for kids (bring a basket)
Potluck Easter Brunch for all ages

A graphic featuring a large white cross in the center, set against a background of a sunrise or sunset over a field of tall grass and palm fronds. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

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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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The Skinny at St. Thomas

April 13th, 2025



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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Holy Week Continues at St. Thomas

Maundy Thursday – April 17

6 PM Agapé Meal - Gather in Hudson Hall to share dinner in a form that follows the church's earliest worship practices.

7:30 PM Worship – Our church service begins at 7:30. We'll hear the story of Jesus' final meal with his friends. At that time, He gives them a new commandment to love one another, and he washes their feet. At the end of the service, the altar will be stripped to prepare for Good Friday. Will is preaching and Caroline will preside.

Good Friday – April 18

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon – We'll gather in the church to walk the stations of the cross, using our beautiful new stations made by Peggy Parker and the prayers from the book she co-wrote with Katherine Sonderegger. Fran and Beth will lead this service.

Evening Service at 7:30 PM – In the starkest service of our Christian year, we'll gather in the sanctuary to hear again the story of Jesus' arrest and death, as told by John. Weather permitting, we'll also go outside to venerate (honor) the cross that stands in our courtyard. Caroline is preaching and Will will preside.

Holy Saturday – April 19

Join Fran and Beth at 9AM (on Zoom only) for a short service marking the time when Jesus' body was in the tomb. We tend to skip over Jesus' death, focusing on resurrection. This service reminds us of that in-between time.

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More information about the Agape Meal

The St. Thomas meal will be a casual potluck dinner for parishioners and any guests you would like to invite would be welcome. The church will provide wine, bread, lemonade, coffee & tea, and all service items. We invite you to bring a food item to share with others which can be a main dish, salad or dessert. In keeping with early Agape meals, Mediterranean dishes would also be welcome. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Becky Ventorini: (202) 390-4412 or beckyventorini@gmail.com.

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Easter Worship, Potluck Brunch, and Egg Hunt!

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, we gather in the sanctuary at 10 AM to celebrate the feast of the resurrection. Caroline and our older kids will hide Easter eggs. Following church, there's an Easter Egg Hunt for younger kids and a potluck brunch for everyone! We hope you'll join us for this celebration. Fran is preaching and Will is presiding. Fran's sabbatical begins following brunch! For the potluck brunch, please bring a dish to share and the Church will provide coffee, tea and all service items. If you have any questions about the Brunch or would like to sign up in advance to bring a main dish, salad or dessert, please contact Becky Ventorini at (202) 390-4412 or beckyventorini@gmail.com.

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Easter Flower Donations

We are now collecting donations for the beautiful Easter flowers our flower guild will decorate St. Thomas with in a few weeks. Please pick up a form in the Narthex and return TODAY.

United Thank Offering Mighty Mite Box

"Practice Gratitude, Change the World."

Our "In-gathering" of UTO donations will be on Sunday, April 27th. You can place your little blue box in the offering plate on that day, write a check with "UTO" in the memo, or give online. We will count the contributions in our Mighty Mite Box as well. Thank you for your ongoing support. Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessings become blessings for others.

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UTO Silent Auction for Wool Coverlet

The silent auction for the woolen coverlet displayed in the Narthex will end just before Easter on April 19th. Please submit your bid on the sheet or email ECWPres@stthomasmcleanva.org

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. Join us for learning and conversation in a relaxed environment. The first round of drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) is on us! This time, we will talk about Christian approaches to war, peace, and violence.

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ECW Garden-sharing Plant Sale

Sunday, May 11th after the 10 am service

It's time to start digging now for the ECW upcoming "Garden-sharing Plant Sale" where we will be selling perennials (flowers that return every year) from our own gardens. Please start now so plants have time to be firmly established. Berta Smith (703) 356-2586 has nursery pots if you need them. Small bags of potting soil are available at Safeway and other stores (Berta likes Miracle Grow potting mix). We also welcome donated clay pots, decorative pots, small garden furnishings and tools.

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Coffee Hour Hosts needed for 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.

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-52775851-stthomas>



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This Week

Monday April 14th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday April 15th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Wednesday April 16th

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Thursday April 17th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6 pm – Agape Meal

7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday April 18th

12 pm – Good Friday Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm – Good Friday Evening Service

Saturday April 19th

9 am – Holy Saturday Service on Zoom

Sunday April 20th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Easter Sunday Worship

Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch follow worship