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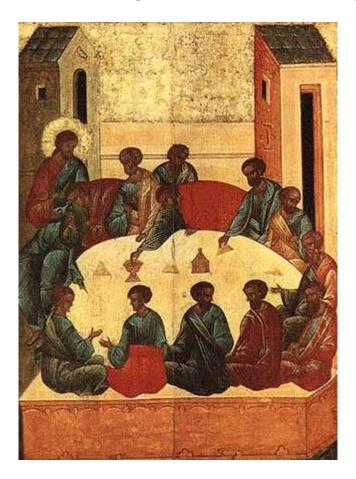
in the spiritual strength

of community,

and to care, reach out,

and include all people in Christ's love.

# Maundy Thursday



Agape Meal—6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—7:30 PM April 17, 2025

#### AGAPE MEAL

#### Welcome

#### The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

# **Candle Lighting**

Reader You, O Lord, are my lamp\*

My God, you make my darkness bright.

All You, O Lord, are my lamp\*

My God, you make my darkness bright.

Reader You have been my helper:

All My God, you make my darkness bright.

Reader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

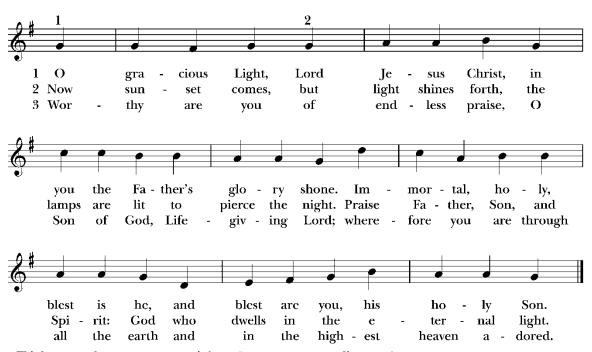
All You, O Lord, are my lamp\*

My God, you make my darkness bright.

Reader Create in me a clean heart, O God;

All And renew a right spirit within me.

The candles are lit, the hymn "O Gracious Light" is sung



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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# **Blessing of the Wine**

All stand. The wine is poured, and cups are raised as the blessing is said.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine, and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your son Jesus Christ. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen**.

### **Blessing of the Bread**

The bread is broken and shared as the blessing is said.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your son, Jesus Christ. As grain scattered on the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power forever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **Blessing of Other Food**

The rest of the food is passed and shared as the blessing is said.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever.

Amen.

All sit. The meal continues with quiet conversation.

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.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

# **Prelude**

#### <u>Welcome</u>

#### The Rev. Dr. Caroline Mitchell

<u>Procession</u> Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now #731 Wonder, Love, and Praise

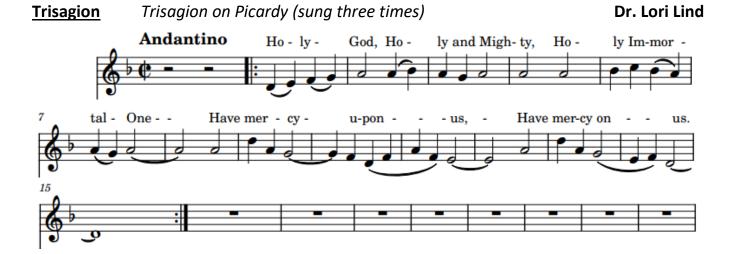


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#### The Salutation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.



### The Collect for Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### The Lessons

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** (We will pray a portion of Psalm 116 responsively by half verse)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD  $^{st}$ 

is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*

in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### The Second Lesson

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray 1,2/3 #315 Hymnal 1982





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#### The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

# Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only

but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

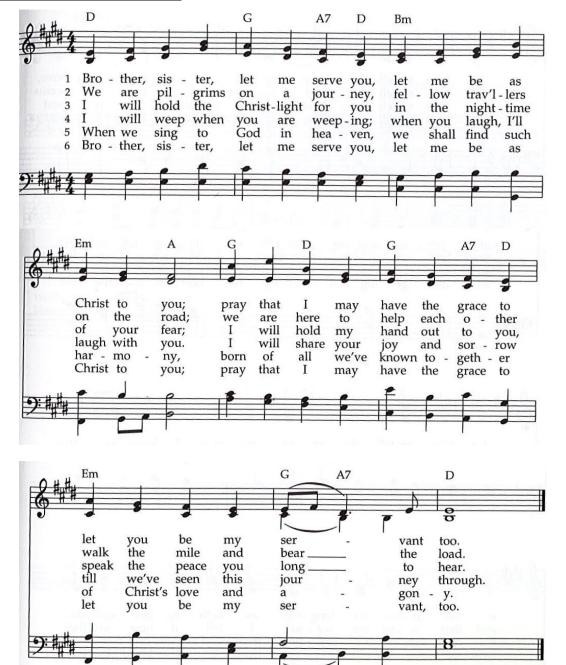
<u>Sermon</u> The Rev. Will Drosos

#### **Foot Washing Invitation**

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service, and he commanded them to follow his example by washing one another's feet. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore I invite you who share in the priesthood of all believers, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are, and follow the example of our Master, remembering the new commandment that he gave this night, "Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another."

# **Hymn During the Foot Washing** Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You #124 Voices Found



### 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 pray.

We pray for your holy Church, its servants, and all the baptized. Direct us out of error. Reform us when we run amiss. Heal our divisions and fill us with the truth of your love. We lift in prayer Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Caroline, Lori, Rishabh, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Beth, our Seminarian; the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas.

Lord in your mercy, Hear Our Prayer

We pray for this nation, its leaders, and those in public trust. Where we have embraced fear, provide us faith. Where we have embraced oppression, provide us justice. Where we have embraced conflict, provide us peace. We lift in prayer Donald, our president, Glenn, our Governor, the officials of Fairfax County, and all in authority.

Lord in your mercy, Hear Our Prayer

We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, by privilege and discrimination. Through Christ Jesus make us one with You. Have us love justice and seek mercy. Let us proclaim your gospel of reconciliation that all who bear your image might be transformed into the righteousness of God.

Lord in your mercy, Hear Our Prayer

We pray with thanksgiving for the joys in the midst of our journey, including for all those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week, and those blessings you would name either silently or aloud [pause].

Lord in your mercy, Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the concerns of this community. We pray for all who have no choice but to fast every day. For the unhoused, refugees, victims of war and natural disasters. We pray for the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation, especially **Ethan**, **Vincent**, **Yusuf**, **Emily and Dave**, **Lynn**, **Andrew**, **Jan**, **Caroline**, **Jackie**, **Betsy**, **Enriqo**, **Karen**, **Tricia**, **Cathy**, and those you would name either silently or aloud [pause].

Lord in your mercy, Hear Our Prayer

We pray for those who have died, having set aside this earthly pilgrimage of joy and fasting, and entered into the everlasting feast with St. Thomas and all your saints. We pray especially for those you would name either silently or aloud [pause].

Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer** 

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 of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. A time of silence. Together, let us pray, Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **Absolution**

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**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14* 



# It's Easy to Give Electronically to St. Thomas

Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website: <a href="https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate">https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate</a>.

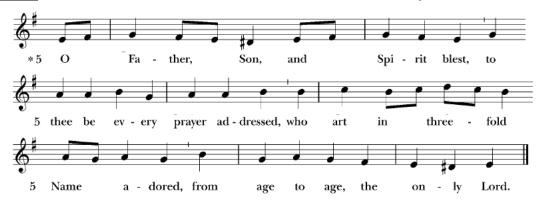
# <u>Offertory Anthem</u> For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken William Bradley Roberts

For the bread, which thou hast broken, For the wine which thou hast poured, For the words, which thou hast spoken, Now, we give thee thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that thou dost love us, By thy gift of peace restored, By thy call to heav'n above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

In thy service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where thou dost send us, Let thy kingdom come, O Lord.

# **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 A** 

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

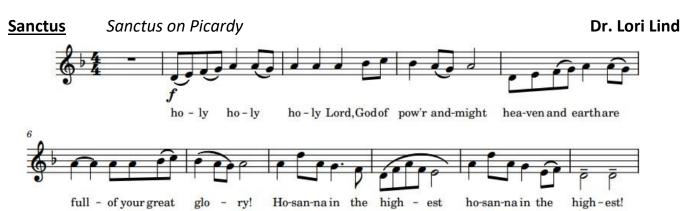
Lift up your hearts.

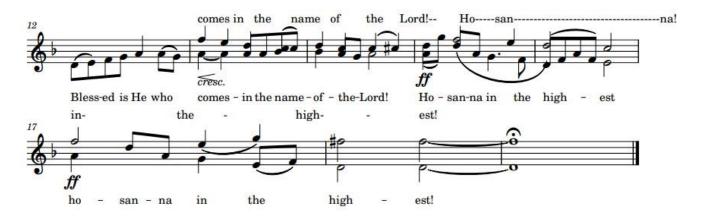
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

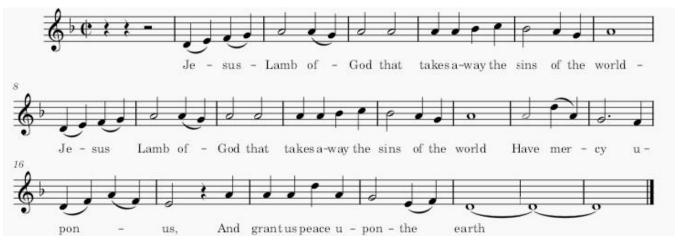
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

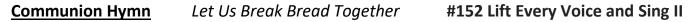


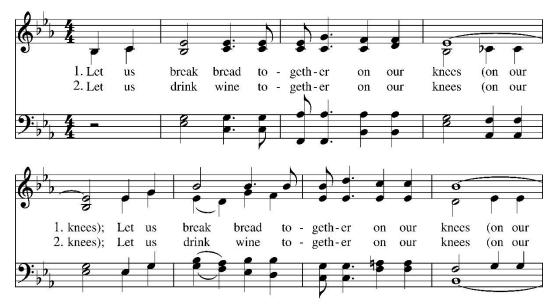


The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

# 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.







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# **Communion Hymn**

*In Remembrance of Me* 

# #149 Lift Every Voice and Sing II





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# **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

# <u>Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation</u>

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 Stripping of the Altar**

During the stripping of the altar, the reader will recite Psalm 22 at a deliberate and meditative pace. You are invited to watch the stripping of the altar.

The service ends in silence.

### **Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Assisting Priest	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Altar Guild	St. Thomas Altar Guild
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

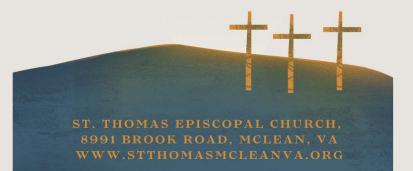
# HOLY WEEK 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**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.





#### 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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