



**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.

# Easter Day



Resurrection Icon

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 20, 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 our Easter Potluck after the service.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Welcome

The Rev. Will Drosos

### Prelude

*Praise Him, Praise Him*

Audrey Adair

Audrey Adair, Flute & Walter Lazear, Hammered Dulcimer

### Finding the Alleluias

### Procession

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#207 Hymnal 1982

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

### **The Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*During the singing of the Song of Praise (found on Page 4), children from Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

**Song of Praise**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

**#191 Hymnal 1982**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

The image shows a four-staff musical score for a hymn. Each staff consists of a treble and a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1, 1, 1, and 1 at the beginning of each line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

### Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 118 responsively by half verse*)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*

**and he has become my salvation.**

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

17 I shall not die, but live, \*

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*

**but he did not hand me over to death.**

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*

**he who is righteous may enter."**

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn    *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright! 1,2,3 / 4,5*    #193 Hymnal 1982



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 24:1-12**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith**

## **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**

Kneeling as you are able, in joy and hope, let us pray to God.

That our risen Savior may fill the church with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, especially 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, we pray:

**Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, especially all those in positions of public trust, Donald, our president, Glenn, our Governor, the officials of Fairfax County, and those whom you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That by God's power, war and famine may cease through all the world, especially in those places you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will reveal the light of his presence to those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Yusuf, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Andrew, Jan, Caroline, Jackie, Betsy, Enriqo, Karen, Tricia, Cathy**, and those whom you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to Jesus' promise, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given, and those you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

We name these blessings: Danielle Fairchild, Jon Barney, Judi Alexander, Toby Bush, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; Byron and Mary Knight, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; those thanksgivings honored by our Easter flowers, and all those blessings you would name *[pause]*.

In the name of the risen Christ, we give thanks: **Alleluia!**

Holy God, send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Adapted from Common Worship – Church of England by The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith*



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.*

### **Blessing of the Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs)**

### **The Offertory**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*



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

### **Offertory Anthem**

*I Got Me Flowers*

**Daniel Burton**

I got me flowers to strew thy way,  
I got me boughs off many a tree,  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.  
The sun arising in the east, though he give light the earth perfume,  
If they should offer to contest with thy arising, they presume.  
Can there be any day but this, though many suns to shine endeavor?  
We count three hundred, but we miss;  
There is but one, there is but one, and that one ever.  
Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia!

### **The Doxology** *(to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")*

**#400 Hymnal 1982**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Gluten free wafers are available on request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer D**

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.**

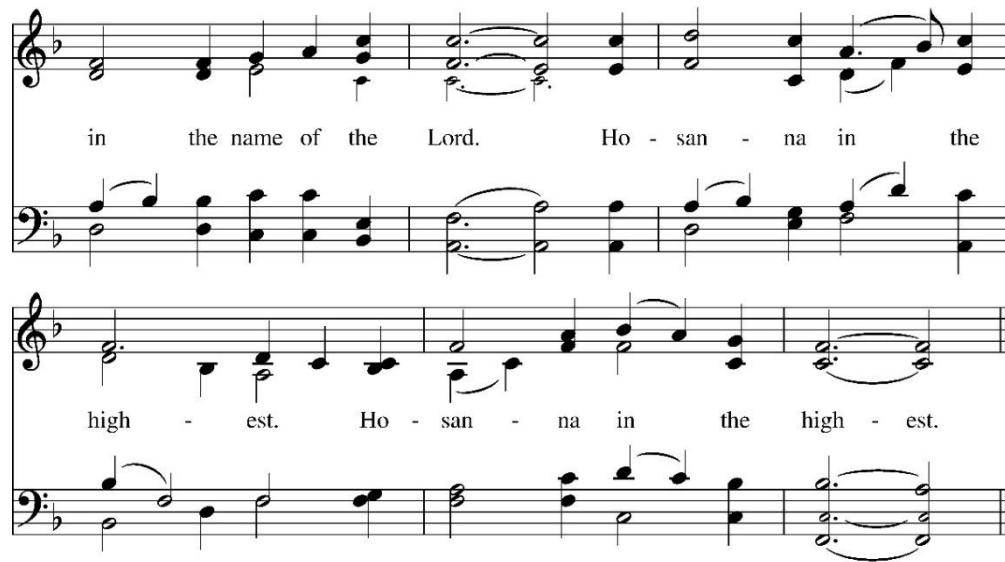
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

### **Sanctus: #858 Wonder, Love, and Praise**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

### **The Fraction – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise**

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the Choir, and the third and fourth for the Congregation & Choir. The music is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

### A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

We offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately.

### Communion Hymn

### *Come Away to the Skies, My Beloved*

#213 Hymnal 1982

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a line of music. The first line of music is a half note followed by a quarter note, then a half note, and a quarter note. The second line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The third line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The fourth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The fifth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The sixth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The seventh line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The eighth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The ninth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The tenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The eleventh line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The twelfth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The thirteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The fourteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The fifteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The sixteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The seventeenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The eighteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The nineteenth line is a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. 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1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
\*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,  
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive  
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,  
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —  
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —  
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —  
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —  
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

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## **Communion Anthem**

*Now Sing We Alleluia!*  
(Randy Latimer, Violinist)

**Heinrich von Herzogenberg**

A hymn of glory let us sing,  
New hymns throughout the world will ring:  
Now sing we alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today,  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!  
Now sing we Alleluia!

Good Christians all rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King;  
Now sing we alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
Singing today in one accord;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now sing we Alleluia!  
Now sing we Alleluia!

## **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.**

## **Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation**

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

## **The Blessing**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Sending Fran on Sabbatical**

**Rector:** In my absence, your Associate Rector, Will, will take custody and care of this congregation and its people. Will, do you accept this responsibility?

**Will:** I will, with God's help.

**Rector:** Beloved in Christ, do you place your trust in Will for this season?

**People:** **We do.**

*We will now gather around Fran and David in prayer to send them off with our well wishes.*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

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

*Ped.*

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

*Jubilation*

**Franklin D. Ashdown**

### **Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage & Susan Cowart
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Eucharistic Minister	Debby Reed
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Flower Guild	St. Thomas Flower Guild
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
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Counters	Ed Rhodes & Jim Ventorini

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Please join us for the Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch immediately following the service today!







REV. FRAN GARDNER-SMITH  
FOR ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH





## ***Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by***

**Audrey Adair & Walter Lazear**, *in Thanksgiving for us knowing that God will make everything right in the end.*

**Louise Armitage**, *in Thanksgiving for my family, especially Harry, our newest member.*

**Susan & Jack Cowart**, *in Thanksgiving for blessings received.*

**Jane Frierson**, *in Loving Memory of Charlene F. Hutcherson.*

**Revs. Fran Gardner-Smith & David Smith**, *in Loving Memory of Judy Smith, Frank & Barbara Gardner, and Glenn & Marie Smith.*

**Rick Michaelson**, *in Loving Memory of Fr. Peter Gray.*

**Betsy Reddaway**, *in Loving Memory of Peter Reddaway.*





## ***Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by***

**Debby & KP Reed**, *in Loving Memory of TR and Cheryl Hagwood, Mike McCaffree, Dave Antanitus, Tommy Davidson, and GS Davidson; and in Thanksgiving for The Reed Family, The McCaffree Family, The Antanitus Family, The Hagwood Family, and The McConeghy Family.*

**The Regan Family**, *in Thanksgiving for the St. Thomas Flower Guild.*

**Wade & Berta Smith**, *in Loving Memory of our beloved son, Ward Willis.*

**David & Pat Smith**, *in Loving Memory of Alton & Geraldine Smith and Robert & Janice Younger; and in Thanksgiving for family and friends.*

**Anne & Jon Spear**, *in Thanksgiving for our family.*

**Becky & Jim Ventorini**, *in Thanksgiving for our parents, our brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews.*



## ***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**  
**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Pints with Doubting Thomas**  
**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 month, we will begin a discussion on Christian approaches to war, peace, and violence, comparing the two different lenses of just war theory and strict pacifism.

**ECW Book Group**

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in Hudson Hall**

Please join us for the next meeting of the ECW book group this week. The book for this month is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, and Jane Pacelli will lead the discussion. Please reach out to the office if you'd like the Zoom link.

**Come to Board Game Night!**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hudson Hall**

Bring friends! Bring your favorite games. Games for all ages. Strategy games. Games that make you laugh. Word games. (Even games for people who don't like board games) Please bring drinks and snacks to share.

**ECW Meeting Next Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

We will meet after church in person and on Zoom. Please reach out to Louise Armitage for the Zoom link if you'd like to join online.

**United Thank Offering Mighty Mite Box**  
**"Practice Gratitude, Change the World."**

The UTO Ingathering will be next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your little blue boxes to place in the Offering Plate on that day or you can submit a check noting it is for UTO. Thank you for your generous donations to UTO. I hope you have also developed the habit of expressing gratitude for your blessings. We are also pleased to share that, thanks to our own Louise Armitage, the Mighty Mite Box and the contributions of our youth to UTO have gained national recognition in the Episcopal Church's UTO Newsletter! *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.*

**ECW Garden-sharing Plant Sale**  
**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am service**

It's time to start digging now for the ECW upcoming "Garden-sharing Plant Sale" on Sunday, May 11, 2025. After the 10 o'clock service, 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). Our objective is to make our world even more beautiful and to make plants affordable to more gardeners. If you no longer garden, these plants would be a thoughtful gift to new neighbors, new gardeners and many others. We also welcome donated clay pots, decorative pots, small garden furnishings and tools.

**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! Under our new format, we would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies for our health-conscious and diet-restricted friends. Also, for those of you who are not comfortable making the coffee, you can ask for someone else to make the coffee for you as part of the sign-up process. (Just answer yes or no if you need help.) Thank you for continuing this tradition of Fellowship at St. Thomas! If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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**Volunteer Opportunity to Help the Immigrant Population in Northern VA on May 5<sup>th</sup>**

The English Empowerment Center, formerly the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia) is the leading provider of English language instruction in northern Virginia. ([Englishempowermentcenter.org](http://Englishempowermentcenter.org)) They serve the immigrant population by providing English language instruction for those folks who have less than sixth grade proficiency in English, and they teach in 18 locations in the area and by zoom. If you would like to get to know more about this organization, they have a volunteer opportunity on May 5th, with their Employment Fair. They are looking for volunteer greeters to make all who attend feel welcome. If you would like to participate in this event, please reach out to Amy Tristan, Director of Volunteers, ([atristan@englishempowermentcenter.org](mailto:atristan@englishempowermentcenter.org)). You only need to know English to volunteer with the English Empowerment Center.

**Shakespeare Opera Theatre Thanks You!**

Thank you to everyone who came to see *Drowning Ophelia*! Check out the amazing reviews we received from critics: <https://operagene.com/new-blog/2025/4/8/shakespeare-opera-theatres-drowning-ophelia-powerful-well-done> <https://dctheaterarts.org/2025/04/11/shakespeare-opera-theatres-drowning-ophelia-is-narrative-feast-for-the-senses/> Thank you for your support! Onward to *Romeo and Juliet* in July!

**This Week**

**Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

7:30 pm – ECW Book Group

**Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

**Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm – Game Night

**Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship