



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

March 29, 2026

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

Matthew 21:1-11

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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!

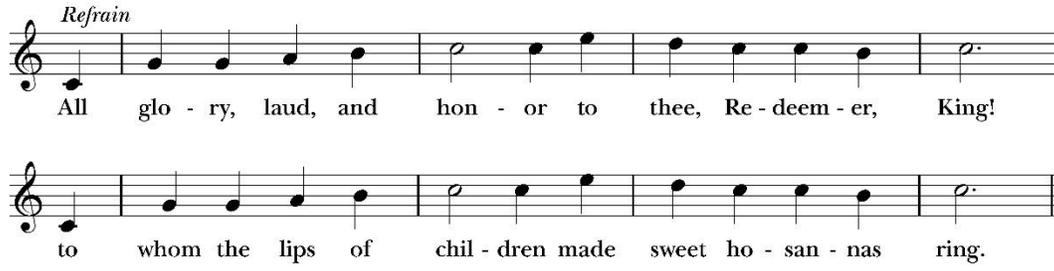
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the Highest!

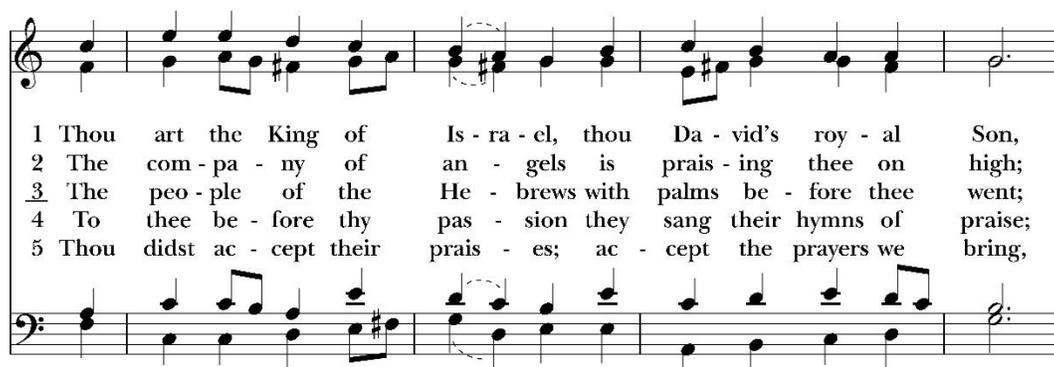
Stopping in front of the Cross, the procession will halt while the following Collect is said:

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

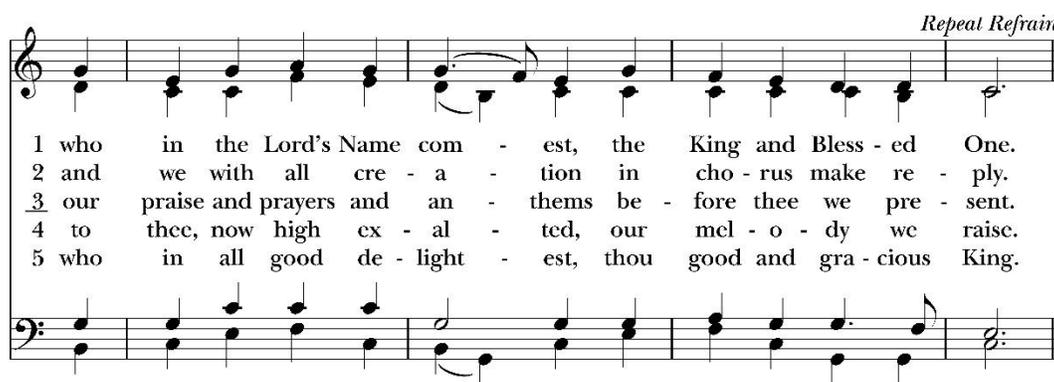


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

Mr. Anthony Amato

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 Matthew

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, Bishop Tut and the Diocese of Ayod, and The Most Rev. Sarah Mulally, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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, Abigail Spanberger, 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 Nick Montfort, Thomas Regan, 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, Lynn, Emily and Dave, Yusuf, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Bill, Katie and Scott, Christian, Chuck, Dani, Skeets, Debby, Cristina, Wilma, Karen, Tricia, Janette, Barry, Abby, Michael, Kathy, Bruce, Nici, Wes, Steven,** 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.**

Let us pray for peace in our world.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. 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.

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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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:

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

Offertory Anthem

Thou Evermore of Evermore

Arr. Fraser Wilson

Traditional Scots Gaelic Prayer, Tenor Solo by Anthony Amato

Bless to me O God the earth beneath my foot,
bless to me O God the path whereon I go,
bless to me O God the thing of my desire,
thou evermore of evermore.

Bless to me O God the thing whereon is set my mind,
bless to me O God the thing whereon is set my love,
bless to me O God the thing whereon is set my hope,
O thou, King of Kings,

The eye of the great God, the God of glory, the eye of the King of the living,
Pouring upon us at each season, Glory to the thou glorious Sun,
Face of the God of Life.

She of my love is the new moon, The King of all creatures blessing her,
Be mine a good purpose Towards each creature of creation.
Holy be each thing that she illumines, kindly be each deed that she reveals,
be her guidance on land with all beset ones, and on sea with all distressed ones.

May the moon of moons be coming through thick clouds be coming through affliction,
May the King of grace help my hand: Now and for evermore, until my resurrection day

The Doxology

Hymnal 1982 #143, Verse 5

* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Sanctus on Picardy

Dr. Lori Lind

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! 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!

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Thomas and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

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 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.

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.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Anthony Amato
Deacon	Rev. Beth Clarke
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Healing Minister	Fr. Will Drosos
Lector & Intercessor	Steve Wickman
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Tuesday, March 31st 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 as soon as possible so we can acknowledge your dedications.

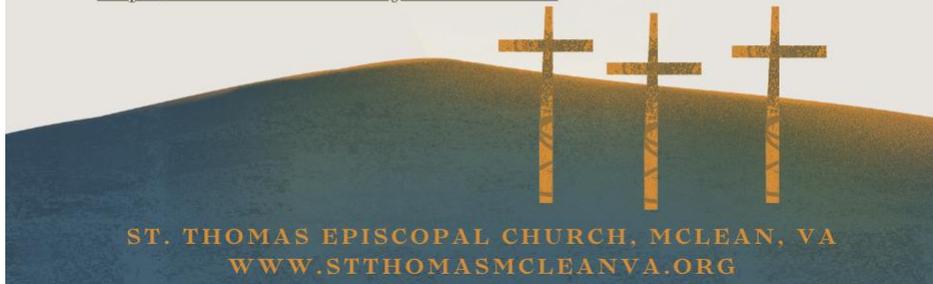
HOLY WEEK 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29) - 10 AM Worship begins in Hudson Hall with a procession to the sanctuary. 5 PM High Mass begins in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday (April 2) - Potluck Agape Meal in Hudson Hall at 6:00 PM. Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. (You are welcome to join one or both.)

Good Friday (April 3) - Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary at noon. Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM.

Holy Saturday (April 4) - Morning Service on Zoom only at 10:00 AM. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87325361312>



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RSVP for the Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and sign up to bring something by scanning the QR code below



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

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 5 - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Following the 10 am service on Easter Sunday
Potluck Easter Brunch for all ages

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

March 29th, 2026



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 at St. Thomas

We will have the following services this year:
Palm Sunday, March 29th

- 10 AM Worship, 5 PM High Mass

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

- 6 PM Agapé Meal, 7:30 PM Worship

Good Friday, April 3rd

- 12 PM Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM Worship

Holy Saturday, April 4th

- 10 AM Online Worship

Please see your bulletin for the link to RSVP and sign up to bring something for the Maundy Thursday Agape Meal. We hope to see you there!

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Easter Services & Potluck Brunch

Come celebrate Easter at St. Thomas on Sunday, April 5th at 10 am and 5 pm. There will be a Church Potluck Brunch following the 10:00 am service. Please bring a dish to share and the Church will provide coffee, tea and all service items. Please see the bulletin for a link to sign up to bring something. If you have questions, please contact Louise Armitage at (703) 606-4031 or louise1775@gmail.com

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United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 to raise funds to support mission and ministry sites that were without funding. Since 1883, UTO has awarded almost 5,500 grants at just over 102 million dollars.

There's no wrong way to give thanks. The ECW invites you to express your gratitude daily. Take home a little blue mite box in which you can offer thanks and place a coin, write a check to UTO at the conclusion of our Ingathering on April 12, or place an expression of gratitude and donation into the Mighty Mite Box in the Narthex.

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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! Scan the QR code below to download the form or pick up a physical copy in the Narthex. **Please return by March 31st so all dedications can be acknowledged in the bulletin.**



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Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, April 2nd at 10am

Every month, a few of us gather to complete the simple task of repackaging diapers from bulk quantities to household-size bundles to be distributed to needy families. Scan the QR code to access the sign-up.



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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 in Hudson Hall

Join us for learning and conversation with drinks and snacks! As always, we'll have a selection of drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and snacks, but you are also free to bring your own! We'd love to see you there!

Women Gathering

Thursday, April 9th at 4:30 on Zoom

Please reach out to Rev. Fran or Rishabh for the Zoom link. We will cover Chapters 12 and 13, Afterward and Coda in *Falling Upwards*.

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ECW Book Group

We will meet in Hudson Hall and on Zoom at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 15th. The book is *James* by Percival Everett. Please reach out to the office for the Zoom link.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch

St. Thomas Ladies, please join us...

4th Monday, April 27th at 11:15 AM

Kalypso's Sports Tavern

1617 Washington Plaza N

Lake Anne, Reston

www.kalypsosportstavern.com

If you plan to attend or run late, you can text Audrey at 813-956-7550

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for April - May

We are seeking hosts for refreshments which will be served following the 10:00am service each Sunday. You can sign up using the link or QR code below.

Under our current format, we would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies, and you can ask for someone else to make the coffee for you as part of the sign-up process. Reach out to Becky with any questions.

beckyventorini@gmail.com

Home (703) 288-3166 / Cell: (202) 390-4412

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-60181120-coffee>



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Share Garden Kick Off!

With warmer weather, it's time to think about the Share Garden. There are three big tasks at this point: Planning, Prepping and Planting. For *Planning*, we could use one or two people to decide what to plant. For *Prepping*, we'll schedule a date in a few weeks to both clean up the garden and use a rototiller to prepare the soil. For *Planting*, there will likely be a couple of planting days, one for cool weather plants and one after Mother's Day for warmer weather plants. Please contact Jon Spear, jon.spear1@verzon.net if you'd like to work on this Outreach Ministry.

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This Week

Monday March 30th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday March 31st

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Wednesday April 1st

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Thursday April 2nd

10 am – Fairfax Diapers Volunteering

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6 pm – Agape Meal Potluck Supper

7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday April 3rd

12 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm – Good Friday Worship

Saturday April 4th

10 am – Holy Saturday Worship

Sunday April 5th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Easter Sunday Worship

11:30 am – Easter Potluck Brunch

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – Easter Sunday High Mass