



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



The Holy Women at the Sepulchre, Peter Paul Rubens (Flemish, 1577-1640)
c. 1612-1614

The Norton Simon Museum

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 5, 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 our Easter Potluck Brunch after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Fr. 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 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

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.

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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

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.

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

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Form IV

Kneeling as you are able, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Lori, Rishabh, David, Abbey and Nicole, our staff; Beth and Anthony, our Seminarians; the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Thampi Cheryan and all those celebrating birthdays this week, for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, for all those in whose honor the Easter flowers are given, and for those blessings you would name either silently or aloud [*pause*].

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For **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 you would name either silently or aloud [*pause*].

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those that are now named either silently or aloud [*pause*] and all those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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.

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 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 Fraction – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is divided into three parts: 'Cantor' (3/4 time), 'Choir' (4/4 time), and 'Congregation & Choir' (4/4 time). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. 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.' The music includes various time signatures (3/4, 4/4, 3/4) and rests.

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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.

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.

Communion Hymn

Come Away to the Skies, My Beloved

#213 Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

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. —

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Middlebury*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946); alt. acc. Marilyn J. Keiser (b. 1941). Harmonization Copyright © 1984, Jack W. Burnam.

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

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

#208 Hymnal 1982

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

Worship Participants

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Deacon	Rev. Beth Clarke
Acolytes	Bonnie & Mary Coogan
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage & Jan Hamilton
Flowers	St. Thomas Flower Guild
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Anthony Amato
Eucharistic Minister	Rev. David Smith
Healing Minister	Anthony Amato
Flower Guild	St. Thomas Flower Guild
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
Ushers	Louise Rosenburgh & Rev. David Smith
Fellowship Hour	St. Thomas Easter Potluck
Counters	Ed Rhodes & Jim Ventorini



Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by

Audrey Adair & Walter Lazear, *in Thanksgiving for our religious values to have compassion for others*

Tom & Louise Armitage, *in Thanksgiving for our family and the St. Thomas community*

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

Tricia & Dr. Skeets Meyer, *in Loving Memory of Betty Meyer, Chris Meyer, Dick Eimas, Jim & Marcella Harris, Mary Thelma Harris, and Jim Galloway; and for safety and wellbeing for Zack, Irem, Volkan, & Vera Meyer in Dubai, and cousins: Burak, Gizem, Teoman, & Alara Aydin in Bahrain, Nurhan & Temel Koksal in Istanbul, Turkey, and our military in harm's way in the Middle East*

Lynne Montgomery, *in Loving Memory of my granddaughter, Lily.*





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Debby & KP Reed, *in Loving Memory of Norman & Pauline Reed, Dave Antanitus, George & Margaret McConeghy, Mike McCaffree, Paul & Hilda Flaig, and Carol Linton; and in Thanksgiving for The McCaffree Family, The Hagwood Family, The Reed Family, The Barone Family, the Antanitus Family, and the Gaskins Family*

Revs. Fran Gardner-Smith & David Smith, *in Loving Memory of Judy Smith, Glenn & Marie Smith, and Frank & Barbara Gardner; and in Thanksgiving for this congregation, the staff at St. Thomas, and our family*

Wade & Berta Smith, *in Thanksgiving for our sons, Ward Willis, Hampton Smith, and Jim Smith.*

David & Pat Smith, *in Thanksgiving for family and friends.*

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



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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

*The Easter celebration continues tonight at 5pm at our High Mass.
Join us as we worship our resurrected Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

✦ **TRADITIONAL** ✦

EPISCOPAL HIGH MASS

**HOLY MYSTERIES, ANCIENT RITUAL
SUNDAYS AT 5 PM**

**ST. THOMAS
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ALL ARE WELCOME

PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Skinny at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 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.

Easter Services & Potluck Brunch

There will be a Church Potluck Brunch following the 10 am service this morning. We will also celebrate Easter at our High Mass this evening at 5pm. All are welcome to join us!

United Thank Offering Ingathering

The ECW will hold the United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering next Sunday on April 12th. Please bring your little blue mite boxes to place in the offering plate or you may write a check payable to the ECW marked for UTO. Our Mighty Mite Box will be taken down on April 12th. We hope you will write a note of gratitude and make a donation to UTO this Easter. Thank you!

Pints with Doubting Thomas

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

Have Questions? We've got you! Our Adult Forum offers an engaging and intellectually stimulating experience that surpasses traditional Sunday School. Invite a friend, indulge in your preferred beverage, and embark on a theological journey with Father Will and Rishabh. Prepare to have your cerebral faculties challenged and your palate delighted, as we provide refreshments throughout the session.

Women Gathering

Thursday, April 9th at 4:30 on Zoom

Women Gathering is the women's spirituality group at St. Thomas. We meet monthly, on the second Thursday of the month, via Zoom, to deepen our connection to God through prayer and study. This year, we are reading together: *Falling Upwards: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Updated Edition, written by Richard Rohr, © 2024. We will cover Chapters 12 and 13, Afterward and Coda. Please reach out to Rev. Fran or Rishabh for the Zoom link.

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.

Share Garden Clean Up!

We're tentatively planning on Prepping the Share Garden on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30, with a fallback date of Saturday April 25. This will entail some light work of raking and picking up and bagging last year's debris. We'll have a rototiller to help prep the soil and also to plant some cool weather plants such as greens and radishes. Please contact Jon Spear @ jon.spear1@verizon.net if you would like to join the effort. We'll have an additional planting day for warm weather plants sometime after Mother's Day.

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

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.

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



Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, May 7th 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.



Share Most Needed Items for April

Our ministry partner SHARE is always in need of food and personal care items for our neighbors in McLean, Tysons and Pimmit Hills.



A Word of Hope from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church

We find our hope in God's promises as made known to us in the words and actions of Jesus Christ. Christian hope is the sure and present confidence, grounded in the resurrection of Jesus, that suffering is not the end. Hope is the stubborn trust that God is not finished...In our present moment, in a world ravaged by war and the degradation of human dignity, Jesus is still speaking the Word of life...

Scan the QR code to read the whole statement:



This Week

Monday April 6th

OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday April 7th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

6:30 pm – Wolf Trap Woods HOA Meeting

Wednesday April 8th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday April 9th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

4:30 pm – Women Gathering on Zoom

Friday April 10th

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday April 11th

7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast

Sunday April 12th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass