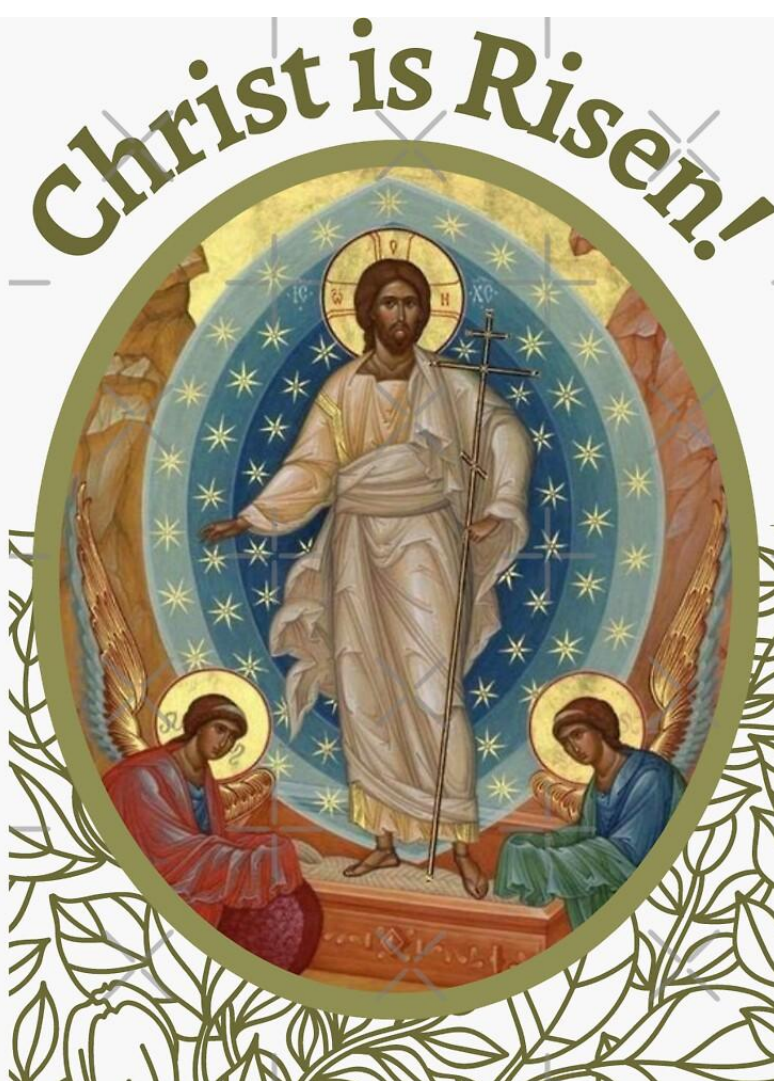




ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

Second Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

April 12, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

Prelude

Trust in the Lord

Audrey Adair

Audrey Adair, Recorder & Walter Lazear, Hammered Dulcimer

Introit

Morning Has Broken

#8 Hymnal 1982

Procession

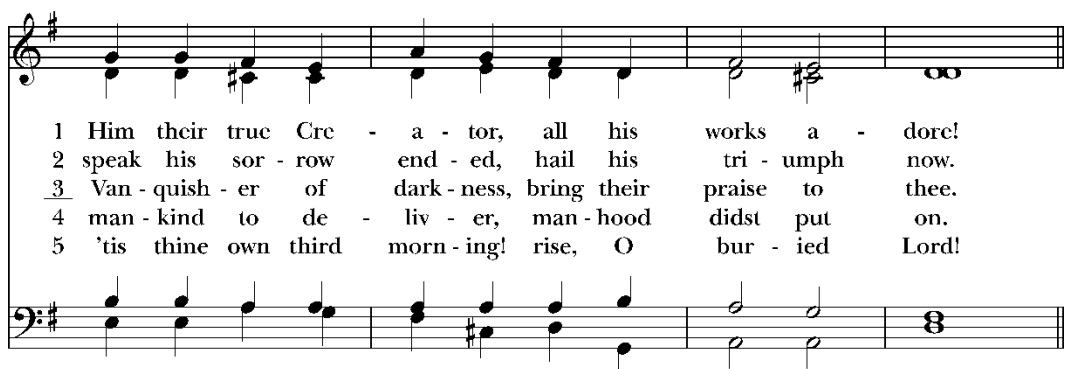
Welcome Happy Morning

#179 Hymnal 1982

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
 *2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
 *3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ing light,
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,



1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

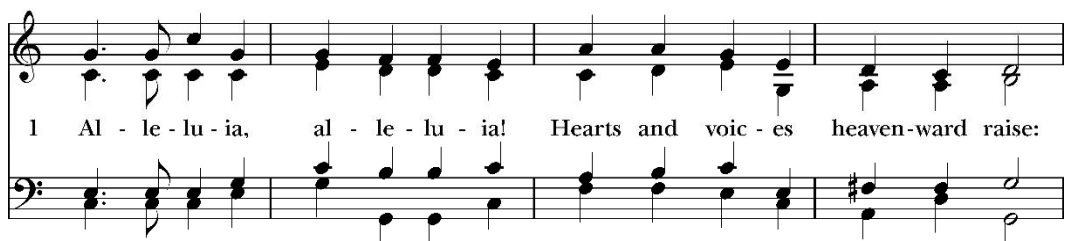
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the singing of the Song of Praise, children from Pre-K to 3rd 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.

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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or

let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (*We will pray Psalm 16 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into

an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

We Walk by Faith

#209 Hymnal 1982

(Verses 1,2 before the Gospel and Verses 3,4 after the Gospel)

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his promise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Will Drosos

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 all those celebrating birthdays this week, for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, 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, Bruce**, 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 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.

UTO Moment of Gratitude

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

Love Is Little

Mark Schweizer

Love is little, Love is low, Love will make our spirits grow;
Grow in peace, Grow in light; Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is gentle, love is small, Love will find the best of all;
Find the peace, Find the light; Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is silent, love is strong, Love will sing a quiet song;
Sing of peace, sing of light, Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is wonder, love is grace, Love will bind all in its place;
Bind the peace, bind the light; Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is little, Love is low, Love will make our spirits grow;
Grow in peace, Grow in light; Love will do the thing that's right.
Love will do the thing that's right. Love will do the thing that's right.

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 sections: 'Cantor' (3/4 time), 'Choir' (3/4 time), and 'Congregation & Choir' (4/4 time). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues the lyrics: 'ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff continues: 'There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' The fourth staff concludes with: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The music features various time signatures (3/4, 4/4, 3/4) and rests.

Music: Owen Burdick (b. 1954). Copyright © 1997 Trinity Episcopal Church.

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

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

#178 Hymnal 1982

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

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

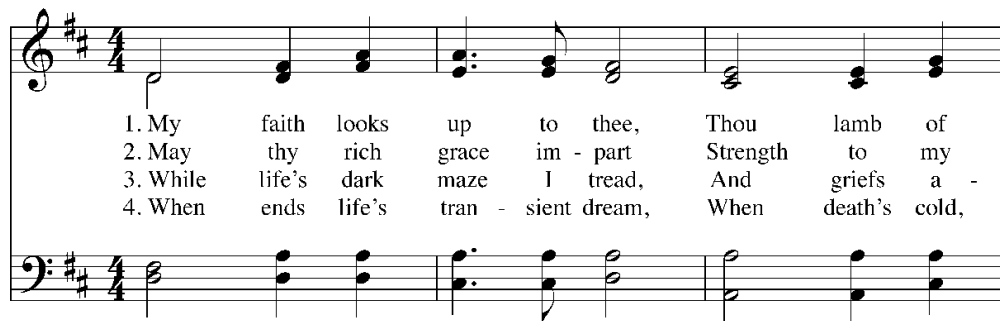
May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the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

Announcements

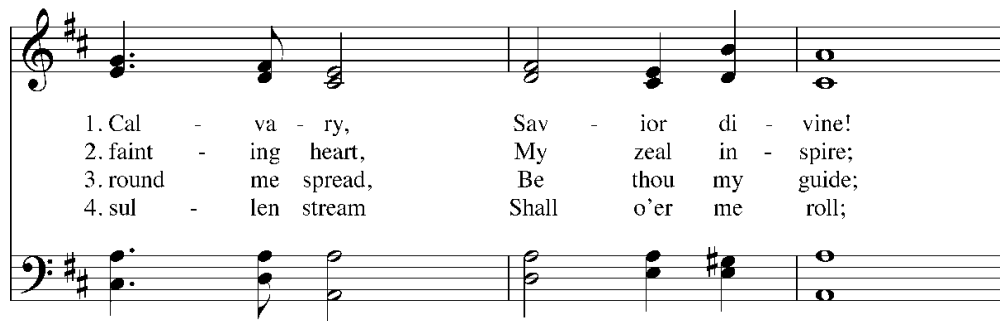
Recessional Hymn

My Faith Looks up to Thee

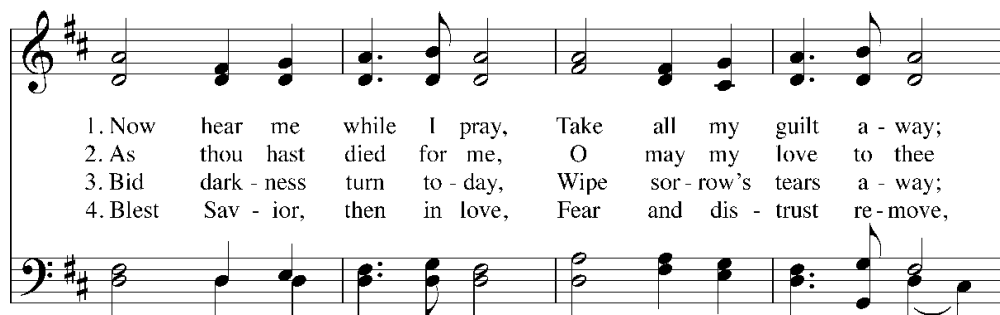
#88 Lift Every Voice and Sing II



1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,

1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 3. Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1987). Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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

Faith, Op. 102, No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

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Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Fr. Will Drosos
Deacon	Rev. Beth Clarke
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Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Digital Usher	Jennifer Alexander
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Beth Clarke
Eucharistic Minister	Louise Armitage
Healing Minister	Rev. Beth Clarke
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Counters	Ed Rhodes

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all 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

Sunday, April 12th, 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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United Thank Offering Ingathering Today

The ECW will hold the United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering today. 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 after the service this morning. If you have not yet had a chance, we hope you will write a note of gratitude and make a donation to UTO today.

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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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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.

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, April 22nd 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.

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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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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.



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Garden Sharing Plant Sale May 10th

Thursday, May 7th at 10am

Dear St. Thomas Gardeners: Time to start digging now for our upcoming Garden Sharing Plant Sale on Sunday, May 10, 2026 (Mother's Day!) after the 10am service from 11am - noon. We will be selling, perennials (flowers that return every year) from our very own gardens. Please start digging now so plants have time to be firmly established. Berta Smith (703-356-2586) has nursery pots if you need them. Small bags of garden soil are available at Safeway and other stores and nurseries. Our objective is to make our world even more beautiful and to make plants affordable for more gardeners. Our prices are very reasonable. If you no longer garden, these plants would be a thoughtful gift to new neighbors, new gardeners, and others. We also welcome donated clay pots, decorative pots, small garden furnishings. All funds raised will go toward maintenance costs for our St. Thomas Memorial Garden.

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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.



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Easter Message from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

One of the paradoxical truths of our faith is that Easter morning begins with sorrow... But Mary Magdalene did not hide or flee. She stayed at the foot of the cross until the end, and she arrived to anoint Jesus' body before the sun was up on the first day of the week. Because of her devotion, she became the first witness to the resurrection and the first to proclaim the Good News....

Scan the QR code to read the whole statement:



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This Week

Monday April 13th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday April 14th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

1:30 pm – ELC Directors Meeting

Wednesday April 15th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7:30 pm – ECW Book Group

Thursday April 16th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Friday April 17th

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Sunday April 19th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass