



THE EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

6:30 PM

Cover art: Maître Krestos (Scribe) (Ethiopian, active late 13th / early 14th century) Christ's Resurrection, flanked by two women, early 14th century / Ink and pigments on heavy, yellow parchment, 10 1/2 x 6 1/2 in. / Walters Art Museum (W.836.7R). This manuscript illumination draws on Matthew's version of the Resurrection: "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" (28:1-4). The censers the women hold were to mask the tomb's odors, but also point to the sacred rituals of heaven (Revelation 8:3-4).

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Exsultet, candles are extinguished.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10 – 15:1

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Hymn Go down, Moses

Go Down, Moses

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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Let us pray. *silence*

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O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Hymn 508 Breathe on me, breath of God

Nova Vita

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

Let us pray. *silence*

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Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Let us pray. *silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Homily

The Easter Acclamation

We say three times

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The candles at the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle

Hymn 208 (vss. 1-3) The strife is o'er

Victory

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

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

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.
 Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1826-1889)

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you I sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *(located in the blue hymnal)*

Engelberg

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

Luke 24:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOLY BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Hudson Charles Mitchell.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP 301

The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates BCP 305

The Baptism BCP 307

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Peace *We respond "And also with you" and exchange signs of Christ's peace.*

The Offertory

Anthem An Easter Greeting

Martin How (b.1931)

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, tell it out with a cheerful voice,
let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Alleluya, Alleluya, death is conquered, man is free.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ has won the victory.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive:
I know that my Redeemer liveth:
The Lord is risen, The Lord is risen, indeed!

Mrs. C. F. Alexander

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128

setting by William Mathias

Ho - ly, 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All the baptized from any denomination are invited to share in communion. You do not have to be an Episcopalian or a member of St. Thomas in order to receive. Come forward when the usher invites you. Stand or kneel at the altar rail. Hold out two hands to receive bread dipped in wine. Hold out one hand to receive bread only. As the second chalice passes, you may dip the bread in the chalice or drink from it as you wish. If you prefer not to receive communion but desire a blessing, come to the side of the altar where the priest is serving. Cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar on request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, please let an usher know.

Music during Communion The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now

Peter Crisafulli

The whole bright world rejoices now, Hilariter, hilariter! (Joyfully, joyfully)

The birds do sing on every bough Alleluia, alleluia!

Then shout beneath the racing skies, Hilariter, Hilariter!

To him who rose that we might rise, Alleluia, alleluia!

And all you living things make praise, Hilariter, Hilariter!

He guideth you on all your ways, Alleluia, alleluia!

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Hilariter, Hilariter!

Our God most high, our joy and boast, Alleluia, alleluia!

Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635), Tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Postcommunion Prayer *unison*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Organ Toccata on 'The Strife is O'er'

Timothy Albrecht

Join us for a festive reception in the parish hall.

Easter dedications are given to the glory of God and to

Flowers

In loving memory of Murray Craig, Sr., Ailene Smith Craig, and Elenor June (Craig) Mauldin by Murray Craig, Jr.
In loving memory of Liam and Ryan McFalls by the McFalls family
In loving memory of Bill & Virginia Fitzgerald, and Tot & Frances Wade by Tom & Sherry Wade
In honor of the St. Thomas Staff, Altar Guild, and Flower Guild by Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards
In loving memory of their parents by Bill & Sandi Pauli
In loving memory of Trudy Rallo by Mike & Charlene Rallo
In loving memory of Elizabeth & Gardiner Garrard by Cindy & Spencer Garrard
In loving memory of Clifford Swift by Bobsie Swift
In loving memory of Darius Slusher, and in honor of Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards by Christine Slusher
In grateful appreciation of Ralph Wimberly by Ceci Shirley
In loving memory of Carol Pittenger by Jack & Nicole Ceccato
In thanksgiving for the St. Thomas family by Cindy Godwin
In loving memory of their parents by John Studstill & Florence Wakoko-Studstill
In thanksgiving for the baptism of Hudson Mitchell by Art & Kathy France
In loving memory of Clarence & Wanda Gensemer by Jo Cates
In loving memory of Lt. Col. & Mrs. James T. Corrigan and Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Easterbrook by Norm & Margo Easterbrook
In honor of Margo Easterbrook, Matilda Easterbrook, and Christian & Lucile Sanchez by Norm Easterbrook
In loving memory of Demetri, Martha Hairston, and JoAnne Walton by Randy & Charlene Moore
In thanksgiving for this beloved St. Thomas community by Martha Robert
By Julie Van Meter & Fred Romanus

Music

In thanksgiving for Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards by Bobsie Swift
In loving memory of Max Burr by Ann Burr
In honor of Rick McKnight and the St. Thomas Choir by Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards
In loving memory of Sam & Ruth Davis by Ruth Nichols
In loving memory of Benjamin Muller, Elisabeth Muller, Arthur Kreyling, Rosalind Kreyling, and Vera Muller by Rebekah and Barbara Kreyling
In grateful appreciation of Rick McKnight and Isiah Harper by Ceci Shirley
In thanksgiving for Marquette & Rick McKnight by Cindy Godwin
In loving memory of Charles McMabon by Linnea Grosse
In loving memory of Darius Slusher by Linnea Grosse
In honor of Carter & Erin Moore by Malone & Robert Moore
In loving memory of Goetz W. & Lucretia H. Richter by Marianne Richter
In loving memory of Ernestine Balsler on her birthday by Chris, Addie & Ella Walton
In thanksgiving for her beloved choir family by Martha Robert
By Julie Van Meter & Fred Romanus
In thanksgiving for Raymond Campbell by the Tenor Section, who miss him very much
In thanksgiving for Beverly & Allen Gordy by Marquette & Rick McKnight

Youth Education

In loving memory of Herb McConnell by Dawn Farrow

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Ellen Hoag, Sara Ginter, Pat McMahon & family, Kpalee Hance, the Slusher family, Diane Berson, Raymond Campbell, Steve Scott, Joe & Rolene Stewart, Jack Tice, Martha Robert, Donna Sharp, Randy & Charlene Moore, Ashley Huie-Strong

Homebound members: Marianne Baxter, Murray Craig, Judy Harding, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas

Those working in healthcare: Ansley McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Babs McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Liz McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Sean Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Wendy Memmott (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashevskiy, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), LeighEllen Johnson (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Doug Venable (*Lisa Herring*), Susie Olive-Allison

Friends of the parish: Keith Whitmore, the family & friends of Robert Layne Ross (*Linda Prince*), Michael (*Kristina*), Steve Funck (*Barbara Kreyling*), Todd West (*Deborah Scribner*), Sheta (*Rebekah Kreyling*), Jon Kreyling-Hoag (*Barbara Kreyling*), Anne Marie & Jed & Maudie Lee Vickers (*Frances Woolfolk*), Anne & Guy Sims (*Frances Woolfolk*), Teresa (*Jenny Holder*), Leon Belk (*Frances Woolfolk*)

Those with continuing concerns: Nicole Ceccato, Henry Morrill, Maeve Morrill, Mandy Ochoa, Jessica McComb, Esther Thomas, Joe Mills, Bill & Sandi Pauli, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Carlene Pawlowicz, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Mary Scribner 4/16, Hudson Mitchell 4/16, Steve Scott 4/18, Gini Davidson 4/20, Kaitlin Moye 4/20, Pam Feagle 4/21, Dan Wilcox 4/21, Beth Gilbert 4/22, Wilson Ford 4/22, John Lawlor 4/22

Those celebrating anniversaries: Steve Hodges & Pat Daniel 4/17, Paul & Elizabeth Hostetter 4/18

Those who have died: Shane Jolley 8/30/21, Charlotte DuPriest 9/10/21, Lowell Jergens 10/23/21, Reginald Jones 12/4/21, Clifford Swift 12/31/21, Sandra Wood 1/18/22, Joe Russell 2/21/22, Charles McMahon 3/16/22, Darius Slusher 3/19/22

Soldiers and families at Ft. Benning and St. Thomas members and friends who are deployed: Fr. Edward Lowe, Logan Gorsuch, Stoney Portis, Nick Capo

Announcements

Thanks to Jonathan Walz for selecting art for our Holy Week bulletins: Jonathan is the Director of Curatorial Affairs & Curator of American Art at The Columbus Museum.

Come back tomorrow for Easter Sunday! Services at 9 and 11 and online. Brass and singers at both services. Incense at 11 am only. Easter breakfast between services, beginning at 10. Invite others to observe this week and celebrate Easter with St. Thomas.

Next Sunday – Picnic, Paschal Egg Hunt, and Photos! April 24 following the 10:30 service: In other churches, this is often “low Sunday.” For us, it is a special day as we hear again the story of St. Thomas! To celebrate, we will have a BBQ chicken picnic after church in the parish hall and on the grounds. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt outside for children (after all, it is still Easter). And, we invite you to have a photo taken for our church directory. Egg hunts will be from 11:45 - 12:15. Those not participating in the egg hunts are invited to eat at 11:45. If you'd like to bring a dessert to share you may. If you'd like to help defray the cost of the meal you may make a donation online (stthomas columbus.org/give and choose Kitchen Fund and add Parish Picnic in the memo). Bring lawn chairs and blankets if you'd like to eat outside. Join us for a Picnic, Paschal Egg Hunt, and Photos on this special Sunday! Deadline to sign up for the meal is noon on Friday, April 22. Signup for the meal and picture at stthomas columbus.org/st-thomas-sunday

Church Directory & Family Photo Fundraiser: April 24 9:00am – 2:00pm. This summer we will put together a pictorial church directory. This will be available to download and in print and will help us reacquaint ourselves with one another and connect with new friends. St. Thomas member and professional photographer, Eliza Morrill, will join us to take pictures for the directory on St. Thomas Sunday. You will have the opportunity to purchase a download of your directory photo for \$25. These funds will go to support the Youth & Young Adult Pilgrimage to General Convention. Appointments for photos are available starting at 9:00 Sunday morning and continue through the picnic. Sign up for a time for photos at stthomas columbus.org/st-thomas-sunday. If you're unable to have a picture taken on St. Thomas Sunday or you have a photo you'd like to use, please email to office@stthomas columbus.org by April 30 for inclusion in the church directory.

Wednesday Dinners: 5:30-6:15pm. April 20 Menu: French onion beef casserole or mushroom stroganoff with sautéed spinach. April 27 Menu: Teriyaki chicken or cabbage stir fry with veggie stir fry and roasted sugar snap peas. Our weekly schedule is - Evening Prayer and Eucharist at 5:30; Dinner in the parish hall from 5:30 to 6:15; after 6:15, to-go plates are available on the buffet; Nursery open from 6 to 8:30; Episcopokids from 6:15 to 7:15 in the Outreach Center; Prayers around tables at 6:20; Youth and adult programming at 6:30; Choir from 6:45 to 8:00 in the choir room. An entrée with two sides is served from the kitchen (vegetarian or gluten-free options available by reservation). Reservations are required. The cost of meals is on a “pay what you can” basis, with a suggested amount of \$7.50 per adult, \$5 per child, and \$25 per family. Pay online when you make your reservation. We want everyone to participate regardless of ability to pay. Sign up through our website at stthomas columbus.org/Wednesday-Dinner. You can make a reservation and/or pay for one week up to one month at a time. Deadline for reservations is Monday at midnight. Volunteers are needed to help set tables before the meal and bring dishes to the buffet after the meal. You can sign up to help as often as your schedule permits. Volunteers are also needed to lead prayers around the tables at 6:20 each Wednesday. Look for a link to an online sign up on our website or in the newsletter or call the church office for available dates for both of these opportunities.

The church office is closed on the Monday after Easter. The usual Monday newsletter will be sent on Wednesday.