



Seasons

at **ST. THOMAS**



At the Easter Vigil each year (April 16 at 6:30, this time), a cantor chants the Exsultet, a beautiful ancient proclamation of Easter. As the cantor sings, the congregation sits in darkness and lights candles from the new Paschal Candle, sharing the light of Christ.

The chant breaks the night with these words - "**Rejoice now.**" The words are on page 286 in the Prayer Book.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation, for the victory of our mighty king.

More than any other season of the year, Easter invites us to **Rejoice**. Easter recognizes that life is not all sunshine. The first proclamation of Easter begins in darkness. We all go through times when rejoicing may seem out of place.

But still, we can **Rejoice Now**.

Rejoice in the hope of peace in a world bent on war. Rejoice in God's abundance in the face of scarcity. Rejoice in the promise of life in the midst of death. Rejoice in gifts of community and purpose and growth. *Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.*

Join St. Thomas in Holy Week and Easter as we **Rejoice Now!**

Blessings,
Grace



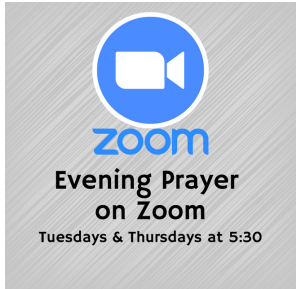
WORSHIP



Easter Offerings

Deadline is April 10

We invite your offerings for flowers, music, or other ministries in celebration of Easter. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of someone. Donations are needed by Palm Sunday evening (April 10) in order to be listed in Easter bulletins. Envelopes are available in the Narthex or (new this year) complete the online form on our website at stthomascolumnbus.org/easter-offerings/ and make your gift online.



Zoom Evening Prayer

5:30 pm, Tuesday & Thursday on Zoom

Join us for Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Contact the church office (office@stthomascolumnbus.org) for the link or find it on our Linktree.



Wednesday Evening Eucharist

5:30 to 6 pm in the Chapel through May 11

This brief Eucharist focuses on a saint being celebrated that day or week. We are using an updated version of the Eucharistic prayer with more expansive language for God and people. Servers are needed. Contact the church office to sign up or find the link at stthomascolumnbus.org/blog/wednesday-night-volunteers-needed/



Sermons in Easter Season: Rejoice Now!

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24 - Rejoice, St. Thomas
Third Sunday of Easter, May 1 - Rejoice in Forgiveness
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 8 - Rejoice in Caring
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15 - Rejoice, Everyone
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22 - Rejoice in Creation
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 29 - Rejoice in Hope

MUSIC NOTES

Music of the Season

Palm Sunday is sort of a "dual day." The service starts outside with the joyful waving of palm branches and the sound of trumpets and bells. Then there is a shift in the tone to the reading of the Passion of Jesus. The music of the service and of Holy Week reflects this change. After the Palm Sunday entrance, the organ will not be heard again until the 'Alleluias' at the Easter Vigil. The quiet supports the solemnity of the week and makes the pomp of Easter (this year with a brass quartet and tympani) even more glorious.



Pilgrimage Updates

St. Thomas Choir is busy this season preparing music for Holy Week, Easter, and our pilgrimage to Ireland this summer. While we are in Ireland we will be communicating with everyone back home via the Facebook page "St Thomas Columbus Choir." Different members of the choir will be sharing their point of view and some videos. Go ahead and 'like' the page now.

EASTER SEASON CELEBRATIONS



St. Thomas Sunday

April 24, following 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 (stthomascolumnbus.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. Sign up for the meal and picture at stthomascolumnbus.org/st-thomas-sunday

Church Directory & Family Photo Fundraiser

April 24

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 stthomascolumnbus.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@stthomascolumnbus.org by April 30 for inclusion in the church directory.



Youth & Graduation Sunday

May 8, 10:30 service

Join us Sunday May 8th as we celebrate our 2022 high school and college graduates as well as our youth program. Youth will lead and serve throughout worship. Following the 10:30 service, we will have coffee hour in the Parish Hall where graduates will have the opportunity to showcase their accomplishments.

If you are graduating or know of someone graduating from high school, college, or graduate school please email taylor@stthomascolumnbus.org by May 1.



Rogation Sunday

May 22

The Sunday before the Ascension is traditionally a time to bless fields and gardens and give thanks for the bounty of the earth. On this Sunday, a guest from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light will be our guest preacher to highlight ways we can care for this "fragile earth, our island home."

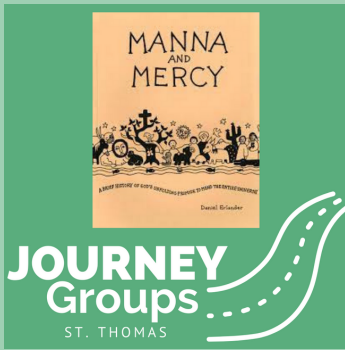


Altar Flowers & Greenery

The giving of Altar Flowers or greenery on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember our loved ones. Dedications and donations for flowers and seasonal greenery can now be made online.

For more information and to sign up visit stthomascolumnbus.org/altar-flowers/

LEARN



Journey Groups

Our current Journey through the Old Testament/Jewish Scriptures continues during the Easter season, as we look at the establishment (and failure) of kingship among the people of Israel, the humiliation of defeat and Exile, and the new burst of creativity and hope amid the struggles to return and rebuild. This series will conclude between Wed, May 11, and the final Scenic Overlook session on Tues, May 17. Approximately 75 people have been involved in this study of the first half of the book *Manna and Mercy*. New Journey Groups will form this Fall to study the second half of the book, focusing on the New Testament.

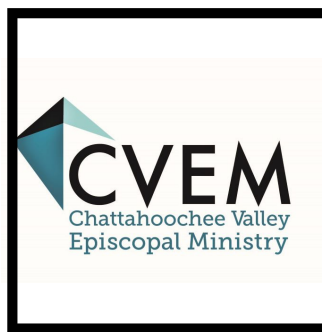
LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 10-11 am

Thursday Women's Bible Study

Thursdays 10-11 am

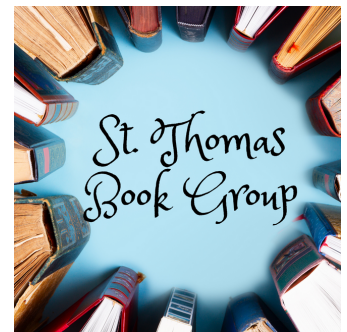
The Thursday Lectionary Bible Study for Women continues to meet through May 26. Please contact the church office to be added to the list. The convener is Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard, a retired United Methodist pastor. New participants welcome!



Striving for Justice - CVEM

4th Sundays from 6:30 to 8 pm on Zoom

Every month, CVEM hosts a virtual "Striving for Justice" conversation about a timely issue of justice. Conversations are focused around a particular film/video available to all with internet access. Visit cvemjubilee.org/racial-justice/ for information about the films and to register for the conversation.



St. Thomas Book Readers Group

May 6, 1 pm

The St. Thomas Book Readers Group will meet on Friday, May 6 at one o'clock at North Columbus Library. The book to be discussed is *Hid From Our Eyes* by Episcopalian Julia Spencer-Fleming. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Sonya Boyd.

Sunday Adult Formation in Easter Season: Sustaining Creation Care during Eco-Crisis

9:30-10:15, in the library & on Zoom

In the Journey Groups' discussion of the book *Manna and Mercy* by Daniel Erlander, we've learned that God intended harmony and balance between **God, humans,** and the rest of **creation,** Yet climate change and its disruptions are irrefutable. We therefore need to ask, what are our *individual* and *collective* responsibilities to God, each other, and our earthly home with all its resources? Even further, what are the irreversible damages we are inflicting today which are impacting *tomorrow's* inhabitants and the resources all rely on? Please join the Creation Keepers of St. Thomas to explore these questions and grow in our Christian love and response to God's Creation. Watch for a Survey link, to be completed in preparation for this series.

This series begins the Sunday after Easter, 4/24 (which is also the Sunday after Earth Day on Friday, 4/22) and runs through 5/22.

- April 24 - Celebrating Earth
- May 1 - Guest Speaker, Keith Sims, Mercy Med Farmer on gardening and soil: Nurturing Body and Soul
- May 8 - Discussion on *Refugia*, episode 1 of the podcast with Debra Reinstra
- May 15 - The Interconnectedness of Life
- May 22 - Guest Speakers from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) on a Call to Action



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EAST CARVER HEIGHTS

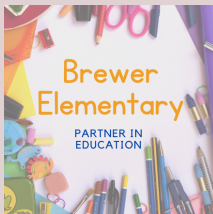
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Formerly Boxwood Ministries

Back in 2019, when we freely gathered, St. Thomas welcomed our Mayor, Skip Henderson, for Thanksgiving dinner. Mayor Henderson thanked our congregation for all we were doing in the community. The church's work in Boxwood was awarded a grant from the city. Mayor Henderson said how appropriate for a church to be involved with community work. What a fantastic night for St. Thomas. As you know, community involvement is not new to St. Thomas; it's who we are.

On behalf of East Carver Heights, we thank you and invite you to visit. Our U8, U10, and U12 teams practice at the Boxwood Recreation Center on Mondays and Fridays. At the Carver Heights Presbyterian Church's community house, we mentor elementary school students on Tuesdays. Every other Thursday, the FANN meets at the Boxwood Recreation Center. Of course, Soccer Season Saturdays happen every week at the Woodruff Soccer Field. You can find us on Facebook and check out our website eastcarverheights.org. Something good is always going on in the East Carver Heights Neighborhood. Hope to see you soon!

by Malinda Shamburger, Director



Brewer Partnership Update

There are lots of exciting things happening at Brewer Elementary School this Spring! Teachers and staff are working hard to bridge the learning gap brought on by Covid disruptions. We are very excited, ourselves, to be able to help them get back on track.

Georgia Milestone Assessment Testing (GMAT) takes place the first week in May. St. Thomas has agreed to provide **daily snacks** throughout the week to some 250 students to help them perform at their best. We will be collecting individually wrapped snacks throughout the month of April. Baskets for donations will be available at the front of the church and in the church office through April 24.

Donated snacks will need to be individually wrapped. No snacks containing nuts or peanut butter, please, due to allergy concerns. Some suggestions are Cheez-Its, gummy fruit snacks, or cereal bars.

In addition, we'll be going all out to show the teachers and staff some love during Teacher Appreciation Week (also the first week in May).

We'll be providing Boxed lunches on Wednesday, May 4, and hand delivering treat bags to teachers on Friday, May 6.

Contact Margo Easterbrook or the church office for more info!



Parish Life: Returning to the Table

We recently welcomed parishioners of all ages to gather at tables to share food, fellowship and rekindle relationships on **Wednesday nights**. Come to join us. All are welcome.

Many look forward to our **Porch Parties** following our worship services on Sunday. Enjoy that extra cup of coffee, a refreshing glass of lemonade, a

breakfast pastry or bag of snack mix while visiting with parishioners and making new friends.

We are planning a **Parish Picnic on Sunday, April 24th** following the 10:30 worship service. This day is always an important day for St. Thomas because we hear the story of St. Thomas the Apostle as the Gospel Lesson. We will hunt Easter Eggs, play lawn games and partake in delicious food planned by Seth.

Volunteers are needed to help with our gatherings. Please contact erin@stthomascolumnbus.org if you are willing to help.



WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

May is Our Month!

May is one of the months when St. Thomas is asked to provide extra support for the Wynnton Neighborhood Network Food Pantry, which is housed at St. Thomas. Specific needs for this month include boxes of cereal, canned goods - particularly fruit and meat, and also corn, tomatoes, and green beans. Financial contributions are also needed to support the work of utility assistance. To learn more or volunteer, contact the church office to connect with this ministry.

Israel Interfaith Adventure

Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard and Rabbi Beth Schwartz will lead their third Israel Interfaith Adventure Oct. 31-Nov. 13, 2022. For information about this unique opportunity, please contact Cindy Garrard.



Second Sunday CVEM Offering

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we receive a special offering for CVEM. CVEM helps many neighbors with rent, utilities, and other needs. To give, go to cvemjubilee.org or bring cash or check to the collection box on April 10 or May 8. In 2021, CVEM provided over \$87,000 for essential needs to 275 families in GA and AL. \$20,000 of that assistance to our neighbors came from your generous giving to the monthly offering at St. Thomas.

WEDNESDAYS

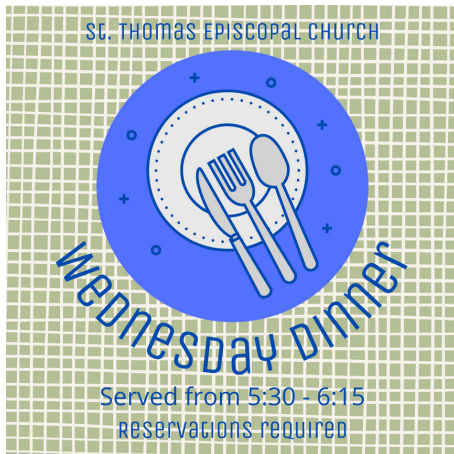
Our regular Wednesday gatherings continue through May 11!

Our usual schedule is -

- Evening Prayer and Eucharist at 5:30.
- Dinner served in the parish hall from 5:30 to 6:15.
After 6:15, to-go plates 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.

Calendar Note!

May 11 will be our last Wednesday meeting of Journey Groups for the season. It will also be the last night of programming for children and youth, last Wednesday dinner and last Wednesday Eucharist.



Wednesday Dinner

Make a reservation and join us! An entrée with two sides is served from the kitchen, with vegetarian or gluten-free options available by reservation. Menus are posted one month at a time. To reduce lines and crowding, cutlery, bread, and dessert are on tables. Tea or other drinks are on the buffet. To help us plan adequately and reduce waste, reservations are required. Meals are served 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.

April Menus

Bread and desserts on the tables. Tea, water and lemonade available at the buffet.
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- 🍴 **April 6:** Mexican marinated chicken, or carrots, beans(vegan) with street corn casserole, and sautéed zucchini
- 🍴 **April 13:** *No Wednesday night programming due to Holy Week. Come to the Agape Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday at 5:30.*
- 🍴 **April 20:** French onion beef casserole or mushroom stroganoff with sautéed spinach
- 🍴 **April 27:** Teriyaki chicken or cabbage stir fry with veggie stir fry and roasted sugar snap peas

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VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Wednesday Dinner Helpers

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. Look for a link to an online signup on our website or in the newsletter or call the church office for available dates.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist

5:30 to 6 in the Chapel

This brief Eucharist focuses on a saint being celebrated that day or week. We use an updated version of the Eucharistic prayer with more expansive language for God and people. Servers are needed. Contact the church office to sign up.

Wednesday Prayer Leaders

Volunteers are also needed to lead prayers around the tables at 6:20 after Wednesday dinner. Materials provided! All you do is read the lesson and prayers. Contact the church office or sign up on the website.

EPISCOKIDS



Shine Time

Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:15, Outreach Center
During Lent, we continue our study of *The Gift of the Cross: Celebrating Christ Through Holy Week* as children build a cross as they learn Jesus' journey through Holy Week.

No Shine Time on Easter Sunday! We will see you at worship and the Flowering of the Cross before both services.

Easter Season: Connecting Creation Care

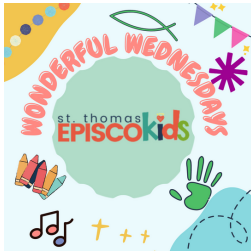
This interactive, Scripture-based children's faith formation program was developed to share the work of Episcopal Relief & Development with students. Each Sunday we will invite children to explore the mission of Episcopal Relief & Development through six thematic lessons: Water, Seeds, Soil, Animals, Harvest and Celebration.



Children's Chapel

Sunday morning, during 10:30 Sunday worship

The Sunday Paper Join Mrs. Erin, Ms. Katie and friends as we follow the Revised Common Lectionary with *The Sunday Paper*. Children will follow the Petite Cross at the sequence hymn to the Outreach Center and return in time for communion.



Episcokid Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15, Outreach Center

(Last night of Wednesday programming is May 11)

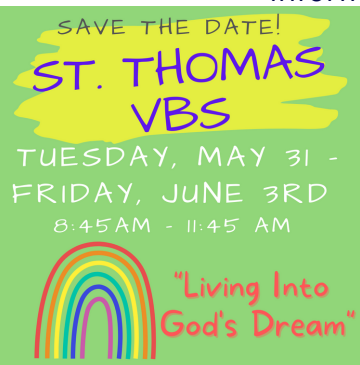
We will continue our journey of Living Into God's Dream and recognizing that all of God's people are made in God's image and worthy of love.



Episcokid & Nursery Volunteers Needed!

As activities resume we are inviting volunteers to return or come for the first time to work with babies and children at St. Thomas. Volunteers are needed to assist in the church nursery during the 10:30 worship service.

All staff and volunteers who work with children or youth are required to have an updated background check and *Safeguarding God's Children Training* (parents and caregivers are encouraged to take the training as well!). See stthomas.columbus.org/training-and-background-checks-for-volunteers/ for more information.



CAMP MIKELL 2022		
MINI CAMP MAY 20-22 RISING 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS AND PARENT/GUARDIAN	INTERMEDIATE CAMP JUNE 19-JUNE 24 RISING 6TH AND 9TH GRADERS	WORK CAMP JULY 17-JULY 22 RISING 10TH GRADERS-JUST GRADUATED
YOUTH CAMP MAY 29-JUNE 4 RISING 10TH GRADERS-JUST GRADUATED	JUNIOR CAMP JUNE 26-JULY 1 RISING 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS	
PERFORMING ARTS CAMP JUNE 5-JUNE 11	KID CAMP JULY 10-JULY 15 RISING 3RD-5TH GRADERS	

Flowering the Cross

Don't forget your flowers on Easter Sunday! Children and families are invited to bring flowers to flower the cross before Easter Sunday services at 9 & 11 am.



TAP Returns!

June 20-24, 8:45 am to Noon

CVEM is pleased to announce that the Thompson-Pound-Anderson Art

Program--TAP 2022--will be an in-person event! After two long years of virtual TAP, it will be thrilling to return to actively working for peace together. TAP is a five-day arts program for children ages six through eleven from diverse cultures and faiths. Through music, drama, dance, art, and stories children discover the value of self and of diversity in community. Adult and teen-age volunteers from area Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and other faith communities co-plan and teach the curriculum. The longest-running interfaith event in the region, TAP celebrate its 25th year in 2020. Registration will open by May 1st. Check cvemjubilee.org/tap/ for updates.

Anyone who would like to volunteer in planning TAP or during the week of TAP could contact Debbie Anderson or Martha Robert at martha@cvemjubilee.org.

Camp Mikell

Camp Mikell is the Diocese of Atlanta's camp in Toccoa, GA. Camp Mikell offers summer camp opportunities for children and youth. Check out campmikell.org for dates. Many St. Thomas youth love camp and can share more info or see campmikell.com/

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

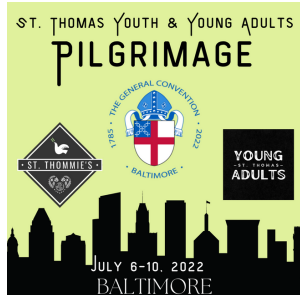


Youth & Graduation Sunday

May 8, 10:30 service

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If you are graduating or know of someone graduating from high school, college, or graduate school please email taylor@stthomascolumnbus.org by May 1.



Youth Pilgrimage and Young Adult Festival

July 6-10

A group of our youth and young adults will travel to General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. They will have the opportunity to worship with Episcopalians from around the world, hear Presiding Bishop Michael Curry speak, and witness our church's leadership in action. They will also get the chance to tour Baltimore and Washington D.C. and visit the Washington National Cathedral. Young Adults will also have the opportunity to participate in the Young Adults Festival where they will meet peers from across the globe.

The deadline to sign up for the pilgrimage is Easter, April 17th. Please contact Taylor for information on how to sign up.



Steps to Lead - A Youth Leadership Retreat

The Diocese of Atlanta believes in the leadership of young people and that they are called to lead in the world we live in. Steps 2 Lead (S2L) is a leadership development program designed to equip young people to lead like Jesus in meaningful and practical ways. The program is led by Dr. Mary Hooper in collaboration with Bishop Robert C. Wright, Holle Tubbs, and a community of selected adult mentors. Throughout the training, young people are given the opportunity to learn, reflect, and practice how they can use leadership to make a lasting impact as disciples. Over the summer, students will participate in virtual sessions and a July retreat at Camp Mikell as they further develop their leadership capacities.

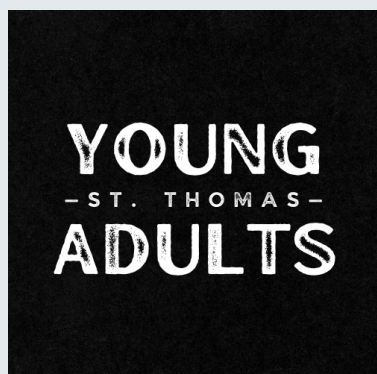
There are sixteen program spots available; the application deadline is Sunday, April 10. You can apply online at <https://www.tfaforms.com/4974286> or contact Taylor at taylor@stthomascolumnbus.org for more information.



Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Nights

Join the St. Thommies for Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 am in the youth room where we discuss the liturgy and scripture lessons. This is an opportunity to ask the hard questions as we learn how to apply biblical teachings to everyday life.

The St. Thommies also meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm through May 11 for fun and fellowship. Each week we explore themes such as love, kindness, service, and faith while building friendships and strengthening our youth community.



Young Adults

St. Thomas Young Adults Ministry is an inclusive group for 18 to 25 year olds. Whether you are a college student, young professional, or simply navigating the early years of adulthood, this is the group for you. **Join us at 6 pm on the first Monday of each month for coffee** at Iron Bank Coffee Co. as we build relationships with Christ and with each other. **ALL** are welcome

HOLY WEEK & FIRST SERVICES OF EASTER



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

April 10, 8:30 & 10:30 am

The 8:30 service begins in the Chapel. The 10:30 service begins at the labyrinth, weather permitting. We begin both services by raising our palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". Then we read the story of Jesus's Passion, this year from Luke's gospel. We share in Eucharist and end in silence to begin Holy Week.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday

April 14, Agape Soup Dinner at 5:30, Service at 6:30

Join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 for a simple Agape meal of soup and bread to prepare for the service. At 6:30, gather in the Nave for a ritual of foot washing followed by Eucharist. The service ends with stripping the altar of all adornment, a sign of sorrow for Good Friday. Nursery care will be available beginning at 6:15. Children will go to Children's Chapel at the start of the service and join their families for foot washing, Eucharist, and stripping of the altar.



THE WATCH

The Watch

April 14, 7 pm - midnight

The Chapel will be open until midnight. We invite you to come and go at any time to pray as if you were staying up with Jesus in the garden. Devotional materials will be available. Or, sign up to pray from home and devotional materials will be emailed to you in advance.



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday

April 15, Liturgy of the Day at noon, Stations of the Cross from 9 am to 6 pm at the Labyrinth, Service of Stations of the Cross at 6:30 in the Nave

Stations of the Cross will be available in the labyrinth all day from 9 am to 6 pm for you to pray on your own. The Liturgy of the Day is at noon, with the reading of Jesus' Passion from John's gospel and the adoration of the cross. A service of Stations of the Cross will be in the nave at 6:30 pm. Nursery care will be available for the 6:30 service. Older children are invited to join their parents in the nave at 6:30 for Stations of the Cross.



HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday

April 16, 9:30 am

This brief liturgy recalls the burial of Jesus. We also bless a new paschal candle to light at the Easter Vigil. We gather in the columbarium, or in the chapel in case of rain.

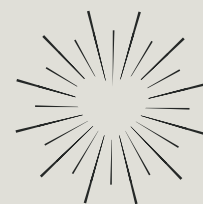


EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil

April 16, 6:30 pm

We gather outside to kindle a new fire and welcome the light of Christ. We enter a darkened nave and hear the words of the Exsultet while we light candles from the new paschal candles. We hear lessons and a sermon in darkness, and then turn on the lights to welcome Easter and celebrate baptism. The Nursery will open at 6:15. Children will go to children's chapel during the lessons and sermon and return for baptism and Eucharist.



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday

April 17, 9 & 11 am

Two nearly identical services at 9 am (no incense) and 11 am (with incense) with brass and glorious music to celebrate the risen Christ. A simple breakfast will be available outside and in the parish hall. Children and families are invited to flower the cross outside as you arrive. Nursery care and children's chapel will be available at both services.

New this year - Our Egg Hunt returns after a Covid break, this year on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 24. Feedback from parents was that doing the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning was stressful for families and made it hard to enjoy Easter Sunday. We will enjoy a more leisurely Egg Hunt on April 24 along with a lunch after church and more. After all, it's still Easter! Don't worry - Mrs. Erin will still make Easter Sunday festive for children and guests.

HOLY WEEK PRAYERS

Collect for Palm Sunday, BCP

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Palm Sunday

The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord's house. —Psalm 118:26

Praise God, praise God, praise God we say,
welcoming Jesus along the way.
Waving our branches of palms we say,
hosanna, hosanna along the way.
Welcome to Jesus, our blessed king.
Praise God, praise God, praise God we sing. Amen.

Collect for Monday in Holy Week, BCP

O God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



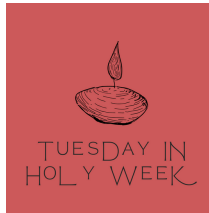
Monday in Holy Week

Jesus said, "Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves." —Matthew 11:29

Walk with me, Jesus, walk with me.
The way isn't always easy, you see.
But your love, it reaches up to the sky,
and carries me, so that I can try.
The way isn't always easy, you see.
Walk with me, Jesus, walk with me. Amen

Collect for Tuesday in Holy Week, BCP

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Tuesday in Holy Week

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be." —John 12:26

I will follow you, Jesus, by following love,
and earth will grow closer to heaven above.
When we serve others and do good deeds,
when we show people kindness and care for their needs,
earth will grow closer to heaven above
when we follow you, Jesus, when we follow love. Amen.

Collect for Wednesday in Holy Week, BCP

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Wednesday in Holy Week

Jesus said to the crowd, "The light is with you for a little longer . . . While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light." —John 12:35–36

The light of Christ glows in me and in others,
and in the family of God all are sisters and brothers.
It's a light you must see with your heart to believe.
It's a light you can share, you can give and receive.
In the family of God we are sisters and brothers,
and the light of Christ shines in me and in others. Amen.

Collect for Maunday Thursday BCP

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Maundy Thursday

Jesus said to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." —John 13:34–35

A new commandment, you gave at the table,
to love one another as you made us able.
When we love one another, all will know it is true
that we and our friends, indeed, follow you.
So let us remember the commandment to love
so the world becomes more like heaven above. Amen.

Collect for Good Friday,

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Good Friday

Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life. —John 19:30

When Jesus died that day on the cross
all creation together sighed, "This is a great loss."
Time grew empty and the afternoon dark
as the light of the world had not even a spark.
The women stood by at a distance in tears
wondering what would become of their fears.
Fear not, the angels soon will say.
Jesus's death has given us the way. Amen.

Collect for Holy Saturday, BCP

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Holy Saturday

There was a garden in the place where Jesus died and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. They laid Jesus in the tomb. —John 19:41–42

We speak few words this day that is hollow,
this day that sighs with one great sorrow.
We sit in the garden next to the tomb
knowing that soon it will be a womb. Amen