

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM
SUNDAY

March 24th, 2024 10:30am, Rite II with music

God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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Land Acknowledgment

The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The churches, buildings, and properties of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are located on land that was and continues to be home to the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape people.

We honor and express gratitude for the native peoples who have inhabited, cultivated, and nourished this land for thousands of years. In paying our respect to their rich and diverse cultures, we acknowledge and lament the violence and systematic oppression inflicted upon indigenous peoples.

We repent of these historic and ongoing sins. With God's help, we will strive for justice and peace among all peoples, and respect the dignity of every human being.



LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Deacon Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymnal #154

D

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

D

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

D

2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D

and we with all crea - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

1. who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bles - sed One.
2. and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3. our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4. to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Kyrie

Lord have mer - cy u - pon us, Christ have mer - cy u -
pon us, Lord have mer - cy u - pon us.

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THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

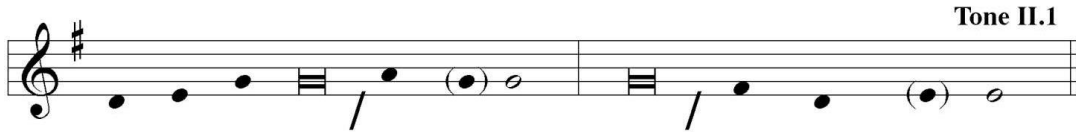
Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in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

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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



- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in / trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and / my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with / sighing;*
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones / are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance;*
when they see me in the street they / avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, / out of mind;*
I am as useless as / a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is / all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot / to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in / you, O LORD.*
I have said, "You / are my God.
- 15 My times are / in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who per/secute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant,*
and in your loving-kind/ness save me."

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. Mark Schweizer

Prepare the way, O Zion, the King is drawing near!
Amid the hills and valleys a straighter way is clear.
Behold the King of Glory, foretold in ancient story,
Blest is the Christ who came, in God's most holy name.
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the crowds before him sing;
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King;
The royal banners swelling, are heralds of his telling,
Blest is the Christ who came in God's most holy name.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
He comes to break oppression, to take away transgression,
Blest is the Christ who came, in God's most holy name.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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 human.
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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.**



Lord, hear our prayer.

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Christian people, the through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who have the courage to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For and all who are sick or in any kind of trouble, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For The Church of the Province of West Africa, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Christian Council, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For and all the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Gracious God, hear our prayers and come day by day into our lives; for yours is the power and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically through our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

My Song is Love Unknown

Hymnal 458

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line of each system containing four numbered verses (1, 2, 3, and 7).

1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: Ne -

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to — their King. Then
7 ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine. This

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
7 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore 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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly—Lord, God of po-wer and might, hea-ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa-na in the high - est._____

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues 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."

Acclamation A



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant continues 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.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on - us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your

peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All *O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

THE COMMUNION

- silent prayer-

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

*The People are seated during the first part of the Passion.
When we "ALL STAND" is noted in the text.
The customary responses before and after the reading are omitted.*

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even

to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's

blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **(ALL STAND)** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it

in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

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

PROCESSION OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY

Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymnal #158

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3. Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5. There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1. judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed: By foes de - rid - ed,
2. trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
3. sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone-ment,
4. sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
5. dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1. by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
2. I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
3. while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
4. and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
5. and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Week & Easter

March 24th - 31st, 2024

Worship at St Thomas's

All services in-person at St Thomas's (unless otherwise noted) & on YouTube

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30

Evening Worship 7:00 PM on YouTube

The Liturgy of the Palms and distribution of palms will take place at both services and palms will be available later in the day.

Monday, March 25th

Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM

A quiet, spoken service with prayers from the Eastern Orthodox Service of the Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13)

Tuesday, March 26th

Holy Eucharist with anointing for healing 5:00 PM

A quiet, spoken service with prayers and anointing for healing.

Wednesday, March 27th

Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon

Solemn Evensong 7:00 PM

Our usual Wednesday midday Eucharist with intercessory prayer. In the evening, a chanted service of evening prayer.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Holy Eucharist with stripping of the altar, and watch 7:00 PM

This evening we celebrate the Eucharist, remove the ornaments in the church in preparation for Good Friday, and reserve the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose. The church will be open continuously (live and by YouTube) until 9:00 Friday morning for those who wish to follow Our Lord's request that we watch with Him "one brief hour" (Matthew 26:40).

Holy Week & Easter

March 24th - 31st, 2024

Good Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 Noon at St Nicholas, Newark
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

The principal Good Friday Liturgy will be observed at noon, with the solemn collects and Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament. The evening service will be the traditional Christian cycle of prayers on the Way of the Cross.

Sunday of the Resurrection, March 31st

Holy Eucharist 6:00, 8:00, & 10:30

New this year is a 6:00 AM sunrise service to be held in the Grove (weather permitting). In a nod to the Easter Vigil, it will take place around a fire pit (the New Fire). To help connect us with the experience of the followers of Jesus on that first Easter, it will be simple, even a little raw, in its mix of surprise and wonder and joy. For those who prefer a more traditional Easter celebration, the 8:00 and 10:30 services will have all the trimmings!

Please take this service booklet home with you, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter “The Carpenter’s Helper” as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

Growth and Fellowship:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
 - Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am - Children’s Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3rd Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

Upcoming Parish Events:

- March 25-30 Holy Week
- March 31- Easter Sunday

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter’s Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:

www.StThomasNewarkDE.church

Parish Calendar

Monday, 3/25

- Holy Eucharist, 5pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday, 3/26

- Holy Eucharist, 5pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-8pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

Wednesday, 3/27

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (G, K) Private meeting 6-9pm
- Solemn Evensong, 7pm

Thursday, 3/28

- Holy Eucharist with watch, 7pm-9am

Friday, 3/29

- (G) mini-VBS
- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- Good Friday Liturgy, 12noon at *St Nicholas Church*
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm
- Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Saturday, 3/30

- No current reservations

Sunday, 3/31 **Resurrection Sunday**

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- (P) Adult Ed, Christianity and Mental Health, 9-10am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- Easter Egg Hunt, noon-1pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

Location key:

(C) Classroom off the Great Hall
(G) Great Hall
(Gr) Grove
(K) Kitchen
(M) Music Room
(P) Parlor
(S) Sanctuary
(U) Undercroft
(Z) Zoom

Parish Prayer List

Adele T	Chuck & Paula R	John S	Pam D
Archer family	Claire L	Jonny K	Pat & Emmett J
Art W	Connie L	Judy B	Paula B
Austin M & Krissy V	Court W	Julie	Reggie I
Barbara S	D Green	June G	Richardson family
Barry G	Dana	Karen R	Rick R
Bernice R	Daphne D	Kari F	Ricky G
Betty H	David W	Kathryn D	Rory
Blackman family	Denise B	Kay	Sabhi
Bob M	Dennis R	Kelly K	Shannan D
Bob P	Devon MD	Krista B	Shannon A
Bob S	Diane B	Lane family	Sharon O
Bob T	Elaine W	Larry	Sheron H
Brendan S	Elmer T	Laura G	Shirley B
Brennan family	Erin & family	Liz R	Sondra B
Brighton P	Flora R	Lorraine CS	Sophie A
Carew family	Frank W	Mara, Mike, & Martha K	South family
Carl J	Fred & Lori	Marge C	Stacey & family
Carol G	Freddie B	Margy H	Stephen M
Carol M	Geoff C	Maria P	Stover B
Carolyn V	George H	Marian S & family	Sue L
Cecily SH	Gina H	Marianne A	Susan & family
Charles B	Giorgio & family	Martha M	Terri B
Charlie H	Harrison family	Mary T	Thomas M
Charlie M & Ellen S	Janice F	Maryanne & Bob	Tom H
Chaun	Jean & Richard P	Matt S	Tom P
Chris C	Jeff S	Michael C	Tom S
Chris E	Jim B	Mike G	Vicki G
Chris G	Jim R	Morgen and family	Walelgne
Christine & Erich	Jim T	Mullens family	
Christine A & Francis	John D	Nancy G	
Christine D	John M		

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military,
in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	Christie J	Kate	Stacy
Annie R	Duncan P	Kathy	Stuart
Ben	Grace H	Kevin	Tina
Bob	James	Luke	Tyler
Bradley	Jeremy	Marvin	Victoria
Brett	Joe	Matthew	
Brian	Josh	Nate	
Charlie K	Kagen	Nicholas	

*To update or add to our parish prayer list,
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.
Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be
contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*

March Birthdays

Frank Belinske	March 1
Joyce Kee	March 1
Joan Kershaw	March 4
D. J. Ferguson	March 5
Debbie Grabowski	March 5
Cyril Williams	March 8
Tom Price	March 9
Alessia Melloni	March 12
Lisa Swain	March 13
Oscar Waltz	March 13
Victoria Quinones	March 14
Jackson Hartman	March 19
Krista Murray	March 19
Phyllis Rawling	March 19
Vivienne Belinske	March 20
Martin Sido	March 25
Elizabeth Doggett	March 28
Diane Baxter	March 29
Duncan Pike	March 29
Terrance Carew	March 30
Charles Baxter	March 31

March Anniversaries

Luke and Wendy Campbell March 16



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