



# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH + SCHOOL

Worship | Study | Friendship | Compassion

March 8, 2026—10:00AM

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## Wednesday Lenten Dinner Series

**The Great Rescue:  
How the Cross Saves Us**

February 25th - March 25th  
Wednesdays in the Parish Hall  
6:00pm - Dinner Served

6:30pm-7:30pm - Program for All Ages

The Great Rescue is a five-week Lenten journey into the meaning of the cross, exploring our need for rescue, Christ's saving love, and how the Christian life flows from resting in what He has already done. During the teaching hour, children ages 3 through 5th grade will participate in their own engaging, age-appropriate program, learning the same core story through Scripture, activities, and crafts.

Join us this Lent for dinner and shared formation as we rediscover the beauty and assurance of The Great Rescue and encounter the love of God in a deeper way.

## Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

March 8th - 22nd

This spring, St. Thomas is joining the Christian Assistance Ministry Soles4Souls Shoe Drive. We are collecting new or gently used shoes for men, women, and children of all sizes and brands, and men's work boots. Drop off your donations in the box located in Gosnell Hall.

## Episcopal visitation

**by The Rt. Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas,  
Bishop Suffragan of West Texas**

Sunday, March 15th

10:00am - Confirmation Sunday

*Reception following service in the Parish Hall.*

**St. Thomas Episcopal School  
2026-2027 Enrollment Open  
Ages 18 months - 5 years old**

Scan the QR code below to find out more information about our program and schedule a tour of our campus. Enrollment is filling up fast. Schedule your tour today!  
Grow, Learn, Lead at STES.



**Volunteer Opportunity:  
San Antonio Food Bank**

Thursday, March 26th , 9:00am - 11:30am  
5200 Enrique Barrera Pkwy

St. Thomas is seeking 9 volunteers, ages 8 and up to volunteer at the San Antonio Food Bank. (*Ages 8-15 must be accompanied by a parent*). Help us support the San Antonio community by sorting and packing food to be distributed to those in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Church Office at [stthomaschurch@tom1604.org](mailto:stthomaschurch@tom1604.org). In your email include names of each volunteer and age. Volunteers will be contacted to confirm and to provide registration instructions.

## **Easter Egg Hunt Donations**

We are asking for donations of empty Easter eggs, “fun sized” individually wrapped candies, and small trinkets like stickers and stamps. Please no unwrapped candy (jellybeans, marshmallows, candy-coated eggs, etc.) or small toys that could be a choking hazard. All donations must be turned into Gosnell Hall by Friday, March 27th. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Easter Flower and Music Donations**

Donations can be made in the form of memorials, honoraria, or thanksgivings. Donations for flowers are \$20.00, and offerings for music may be given in any amount. The names of donors and honorees will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations due March 20th. Scan the QR code to donate online or visit Gosnell Hall to pick up a donation envelope.



## **Youth Group—Easter Egg Edition**

Sunday, March 22nd and 29th  
9:00am in Room 109

All youth 6th grade and up are welcome. We invite you to join Rev. Allie Sunday morning and help our Children’s Ministry stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

## **Palm Cross Making**

Wednesday, March 25th  
9:30am, in the Church Library

Join us in making Palm Crosses. All Palm Crosses made during this time will be used on Palm Sunday during worship. Please consider volunteering to help.

## **Campus Clean-Up**

Saturday, March 28th  
9:00am - 2:00pm

Come help us with several outdoor projects around campus. Bring your yard tools, wheelbarrows, gloves, hats, and sunscreen. Please consider volunteering to help keep our campus beautiful.

## **Middle School & High School Choir**

Students are invited to join our new Middle School and High School choir. Rehearsals take place Sundays after the 10am service, from 11:15am–12:00pm in the choir room. For more information, contact Minister of Music, Ryan Becker at [rbecker@tom1604.org](mailto:rbecker@tom1604.org).

## Holy Week Worship

**Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29th**

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Holy Wednesday - Wednesday, April 1st**

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd**

7:00pm

**Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 3rd**

12:00pm & 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5th**

8:00am Festival Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall

10:00am Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Easter Egg Hunt following worship.*

## Discipleship Hour - Sundays at 9:00am

**Meeting Jesus in Lent**

February 22nd - March 29th

in the Parish Hall led by Fr. Mike

This Lent, join us for a five-week class exploring who Jesus is and what He means for our daily lives. Through scripture, reflection, and conversation, we'll encounter Jesus as the Son of God, the Gift of the Father, our Great High Priest, and the Prince of Peace. All are welcome to come, learn, and grow together this season.

**Children's Sunday School-Ages 3-5th grade**

in Room 112

The Easter Story

February 22nd - March 29th

Kids will explore the Easter story as we discover the events of Holy Week. Through Bible stories and hands-on activities, children will learn about Mary's perfume, the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer, the Crucifixion, and the joy of Jesus' Resurrection.

**Discipleship for Moms**

in Room 111 led by Paige Martin

Discipleship for Moms is offering a meaningful study through *Brave and Beloved* by Meredith Storrs, exploring the wisdom, courage, and diversity of women of the Bible while encouraging moms to grow together in faith.

**Children's First Communion Class**

February 22nd - March 29th, in Room 112



# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 • 10:00 AM

**W**orship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word *rubrica* (red) referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for  
Eddie & Marion Rhodes 89th Anniversary.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### THE VOLUNTARY

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HYMN • 523

*Abbot's Leigh*

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,



formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges  
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a  
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -  
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they  
rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fer - ing brings.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 355

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

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

*The ordinary of the mass employs texts that remain the same for every mass. In the Latin mass the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus, and the Agnus dei are the five parts of the mass that remain the same every week.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*The proper of the mass are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel and preface to the communion liturgy are proper. Our lessons come from a prescribed cycle of readings called the lectionary. The lectionary consists of a three year cycle: Year. Each year we retell the story from Advent through Pentecost.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*We invite your child to join our Children's Church program this morning! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to come up for the children's sermon and then follow our Children's Church Leader, to a classroom down the hallway in our education wing. After the exchange of the peace, children are ushered back to their seats.*

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 95** *spoken responsively by half verse*

*Venite, exultemus*

*The psalms are sung prayers that cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and usually it relates to the themes heard in the lesson.*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the LORD is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, \*  
**though they had seen my works.**

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
**"They shall not enter into my rest."**

## THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

*This reading from the New Testament is typically from a letter (epistle) from Paul to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the summit of the Liturgy of the Word and means “good news” and specifically the good news of Jesus. We stand for the Gospel reading to show respect for the particular importance of Jesus’ words and actions.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Mike Michie

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means I believe. First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Leader and People*

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*All are invited to make a gift to support St. Thomas' ministry of sharing God's love with the world.*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontem aquarum,

*As a deer longs for springs of water,*

ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*so my soul longs for you, O God.*

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*) 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:

### THE SANCTUS • S 114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel. Then 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM • S 158

Healey Willan

*The presider breaks the bread.*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people are invited to come forward to receive communion. Gluten -free wafers are available. Inform the priest when they come to you.*

*Individual prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel of the Cross. We encourage you to visit them after receiving communion.*

THE HYMN • 658

*Martyrdom*

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

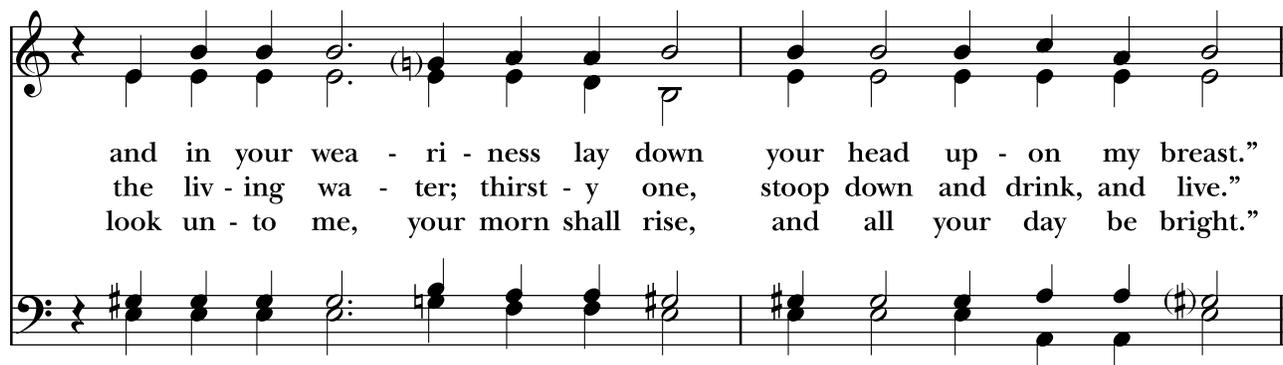
God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7. Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829).

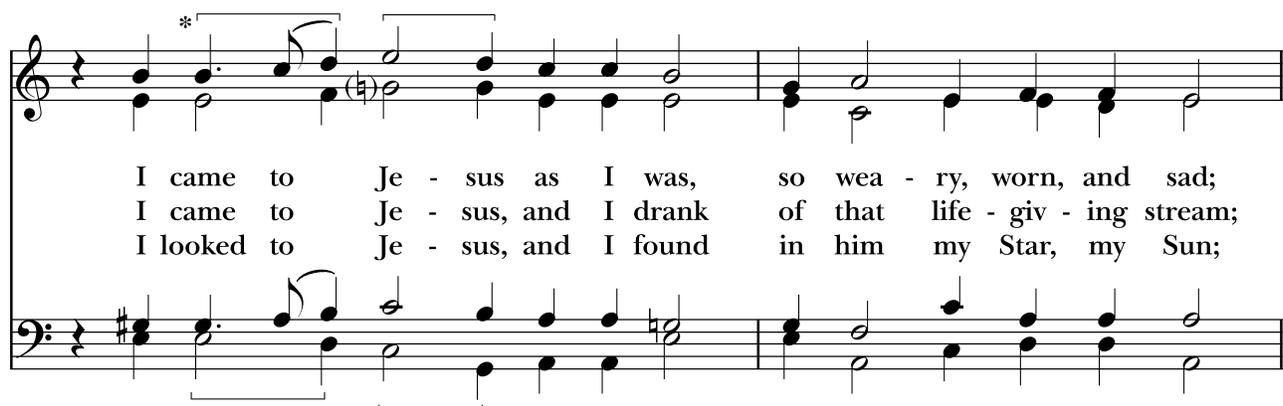
THE HYMN • 692

*The Third Tune*

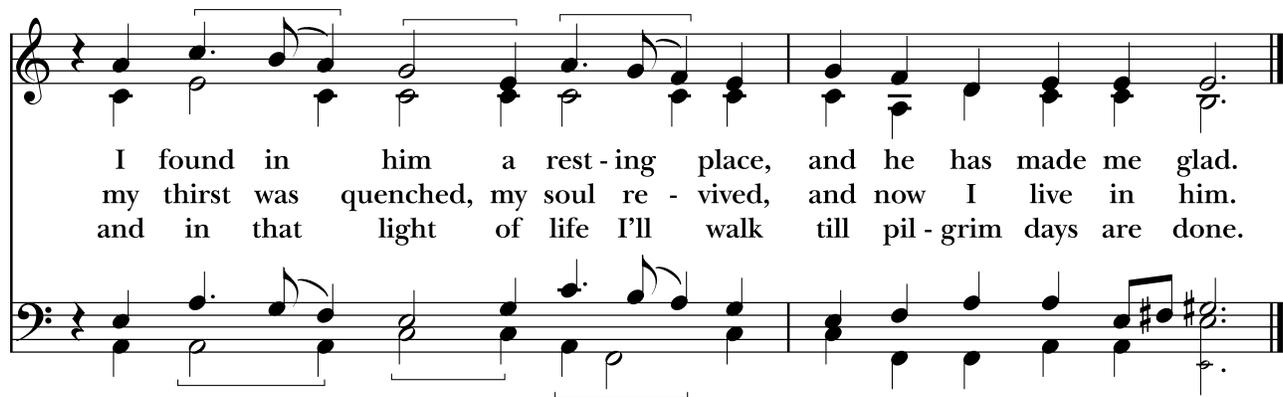
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast.  
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live.  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

*\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

## THE SENDING OUT

We send you out to share the communion today.

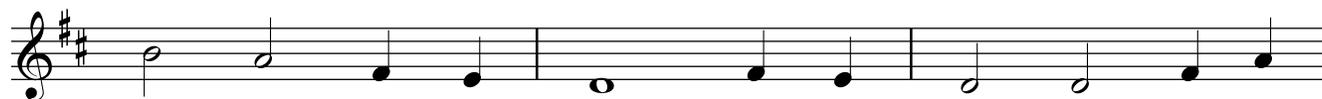
May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE BLESSING



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



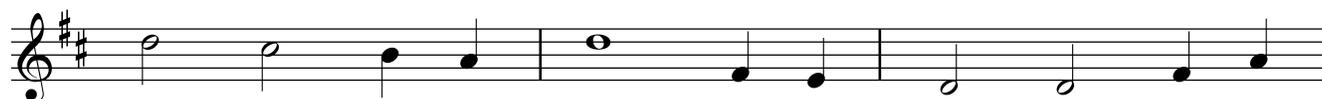
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY

## **Save the Date:**

### **Vacation Bible School**

#### **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**

June 15th - June 19th

9:00am - 12:00pm daily

Ages 3 - 5th Grade

Step into Rainforest Falls at VBS and embark on a wild adventure discovering God's nature! Kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, finding strength, safety, and joy in life's storms. Registration for participants and volunteers opens April 5th.

### **Children's Summer Music Camp**

June 22nd - June 25th

9:00am - 12:00pm daily

Ages Kinder - 6th Grade

Let your child's creativity shine at Children's Summer Music Camp. Kids will sing, play, and explore the joy of making music together, building confidence, teamwork, and a love for the arts in a fun, supportive environment. Registration opens April 5th.



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## Prayer Requests

Submit a prayer request by filling out a prayer card located in the pew or by contacting the church office.

## St. Thomas Healing Ministry

The St. Thomas Healing Ministry offers prayers in the Chapel of the Cross (located to the left of the altar) on Sundays at 8:00am and 10:00am. If you are interested in joining the group, learning about healing, or in need of concentrated prayers contact the church office or fill out a connection card.

## Connection Card

Need to sign up for our weekly email list? New to St. Thomas? Are you looking to become a member? Connect with us by filling out a connection card located in the pew or by scanning the QR code.



## Wear a Name Tag!

Do you have a St. Thomas nametag? We encourage you to wear one on Sunday. Don't have a nametag? Visit Membership & Growth Coordinator, Sarah Anderson at the Welcome Table in Gosnell Hall and we'll make you one. All name tags will be ready in 2-3 weeks from sign up date. Please look at our name tag display in Gosnell Hall for pick-up on Sunday.

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## Week at a Glance

- Morning Prayer on YouTube ~ Mondays - Saturdays
  - Men's Bible Study ~ Tuesdays, 7:00am, Woehler Family Center
  - Bell Choir Rehearsal ~ Tuesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, in the Choir Room
  - GriefShare ~ Wednesdays, 10:00am, in the Parlor
  - Eucharist Rite II ~ Wednesdays, 12:00pm, Chapel of the Cross
  - Children's Music Program & Choir ~ Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:00pm, in the Choir Room
  - Choir Rehearsal ~ Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm, in the Choir Room
  - Bible Study with Fr. Mike ~ Thursdays, 9:30am, Zoom
  - Ice Cream on Sundays ~ before or after church in the courtyard
- Contact the Church Office for Zoom link.*

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