



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Service of Morning Prayer

March 10, 2024 10 A.M.

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## St. Thomas's Church Welcomes Everyone

Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey, **there is a place for you here**, and we invite you to participate as fully as you wish. There is a saying in the Episcopal tradition that answers many a question: “All *may*, some *do*, but none *must*.” We gather to feast on Word and sacrament and song, to learn and inquire, to enjoy relaxed fellowship and find mutual support. And we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**To participate in worship today** all you need is this bulletin. If you are new or visiting, we invite you to consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a **nametag**, which will be waiting for you on the table inside the main entrance.

**All church spaces are accessible.** Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **gender-neutral restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

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**St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land.** This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

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## INTROIT *(sung by the Schola)*

Salvator mundi

Salvator mundi salva nos omnes,  
sancta Dei Genitrix intercede pro nobis,  
Archangeli, Throni et Dominationes,  
Principatus et Potestates,  
Virtutes coelorum,  
Cherubim atque Seraphim,  
Patriarchae et Prophetae,  
sancti legis Doctores,  
Apostoli, omnes Christi Martyres,  
sancti Confessores, Virgines Domini,  
Anachoritae sanctique omnes  
intercedite pro nobis.

Savior of the world, save us all,  
Holy Mother of God, pray for us,  
Archangels, thrones, and dominions,  
Principalities and powers,  
Virtues of heaven,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Patriarchs and prophets,  
Holy doctors of the law,  
Apostles, all Christian martyrs,  
Holy confessors, virgins of the Lord,  
Holy hermits, all saints,  
Intercede for us.

Words: Traditional Latin litany Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525/26-1594)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Officiant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Officiant*

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

## THE INVITATORY

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: **And your glory all the day long.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## JUBILATE *(sung by the Choir)*

Charles Wood

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*All are seated.*

## PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 *(sung by the Choir, the People respond with the Antiphon)*

Tone V.1

*Antiphon:*



Give thanks to the LORD for his mer - cy, and the won - ders he does for



his chil - dren.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*

they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food \*

and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*

and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*

and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*

and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **[Ant.]**

## THE FIRST LESSON

NUMBERS 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## HYMN

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise (532, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all a-broad,  
thy Name?

Thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly su-preme.  
till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: *Old 104th*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. *Hymnal 1982*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

*All are seated.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly

places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**CANTICLE 16** (*sung by the Choir, the People respond with the Antiphon*)

(S 248, *The Hymnal 1982*)

*Antiphon*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies  
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **[Ant.]**

## THE THIRD LESSON

JOHN 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Reader:       The Word of the Lord.

**People:       Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*After the sermon, all remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People*

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

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

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

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

**He descended to the dead.**



On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

## THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People: Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People: For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

**People: Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Officiant*

*(The Collect of the Day)* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(A Collect for the Renewal of Life)* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(A Prayer for Mission)* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

*All are seated.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *(sung by the Choir)*

God so loved the world

God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten son  
that who so believeth in him  
should not perish but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16 Music: Bob Chilcott (b.1955), 1999

*All stand.*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**Officiant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Your financial support is sincerely appreciated. To give online, go to the Church website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!*

*All stand.*

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that  
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and  
 \*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by  
 \*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us  
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -  
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er  
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread  
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our  
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their  
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine  
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -  
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and  
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.  
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.  
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.  
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

*You may be seated for the voluntary or exit the church.*

## VOLUNTARY

Andante from Sonata no. 6  
 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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## Announcements

*For all the latest news and information, see last week's edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Parish website Home page ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), click Enews Archive for the latest edition or Enews (subscribe) to subscribe.*



### Clergy Transition Update

The Vestry is glad to share that the diocese has approved our request to search for a half-time priest-in-charge, and the job posting is now live! The diocese will collect all applications received in the coming six weeks before sending them on to the Vestry for consideration.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule.** During our leadership transition, we will have a combination of lay-led worship and services led by supply clergy. Please join us!

March 10	Morning Prayer led by Ricardo Chavira (w/sermon)
March 17	Morning Prayer led by Madeleine Anderson (w/sermon)
March 24	Palm Sunday with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding
March 28	Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding

[March 29 Good Friday—no service]  
March 30 7 pm Easter Vigil Eucharist with Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen preaching and presiding  
March 31 Easter Eucharist with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding

**TODAY**, Ricardo Chavira will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Ricardo has attended St. Thomas's with his family since 2003. While he was brought up attending Baptist churches, he discovered the Episcopal Church in graduate school and immediately felt at home, despite having no experience with a liturgical tradition. He has always enjoyed the parish's broadly welcoming atmosphere, outstanding music ministry, and family-friendly environment. Ricardo has previously served on Vestry, Stewardship committee, was Treasurer for a term, and was Warden for several years. He's also enjoyed serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister as a way to connect with and participate in the Episcopal liturgy. An IT consultant by profession, Ricardo did graduate work in philosophy at Yale and remains an avid reader.

On **March 17**, Madeleine Anderson will be preaching and leading the congregation in Morning Prayer. Madeleine (she/her) began attending St. Thomas's in 2020 with her wife Christy, after having been raised in the Baptist tradition and making her way to the Episcopal church in 2014. She was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2022. She has served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, sacristan, and vestry member at St. Thomas's, as well as on the leadership team of the Young Adult Episcopalians ministry network (YAE) in the greater New Haven/South Central region.

### **It's Lent!**

There are many creative and life-giving ways to observe Lent. Resources are available on the Lent website pages of [The Episcopal Church](#) and at the [SALT Project](#).

### **Lenten Study Group, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm**

On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2506069964>

This study will consider the “unique perspective of gender and gender roles in the Bible and in ancient Israel. From the pastoral setting of Ruth to the trauma of Lamentations, from the love poetry of Song of Songs to the court intrigue of Esther, where do these writings come from, and how might we read them today?” Find the materials here: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/new-testament-epistles/>  
*See the Weekly Parish Enems for the current schedule.*

### **Interested in joining St. Thomas's Choir?**

The St. Thomas's Choir sings for Sunday morning and special liturgies during the program year, offering anthems, canticles and psalms. The choir includes volunteers and professional section leaders. Its repertoire is drawn from the rich tradition of Anglican choral music, spanning many centuries.

The St. Thomas's Choir rehearses on Sundays at 9 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., from September to June. New members are always welcome; an ability to read music and prior choral experience is desirable.

Contact Linda Meyer at [lindarossmeier@gmail.com](mailto:lindarossmeier@gmail.com)

**Donating Clothing for Loaves and Fishes.** Our support for the clothing ministry is ongoing. Please be thoughtful in your selection of items. Current specific requests include: men's/women's jeans; men's short-sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets, shoes, new socks; winter clothing only until March 15. Bring donations to St. Thomas's (leave them in the tub at the Whitney Ave. entrance) or to Loaves and Fishes (Thurs-Sat, 9-11 a.m., in the driveway at 57 Olive St.).

**Coffee Hour Hosting Sign-Up Link.** You are invited to consider hosting coffee hour at St. Thomas's following Sunday worship. Do you have a treat from your kitchen or favorite neighborhood bakery that you would love to share, but you are not sure that you can manage a whole coffee hour? Contact the coffee hour host to discuss what you can bring and how you can help out.

Visit this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee>. Please contact Julie Kelly with any questions. Thank you for contributing to our time of fellowship!



## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** Ricardo Chavira  
**Music Director:** Matthew Cramer  
**Organist:** Noah Klein  
**Lector:** Jenny Chavira  
**Ushers:** Gary Robison  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Jennifer Herdt  
**Vestry Host:** Denise Terry

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Preacher-in-Residence

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

### Church Vestry

Jennifer Herdt (Senior Warden)  
Linda Meyer (Junior Warden)  
Bill English (Treasurer)  
Denise Terry (Clerk)  
Madeleine Anderson  
Max Ballardo  
Morgen Campbell  
Ricardo Chavira  
Alexandria Robison  
Claire Scully

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## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:** the people of Russia and the people of Ukraine; the people of Gaza and the people of Israel; all who are afflicted by war and natural disaster

**Pray for those who have died.**

### In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of

**Prayer, pray for:** St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All ministries to, with, and for women and the Girl's Friendly Society

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:** The Episcopal Church

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:** Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Greenland

Matthew Cramer, Music Director  
Noah Klein, Organist

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## Information for Holy Week and Easter

Remember, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. See the liturgy schedule above. A few reminders...

### **Easter Flower & Music Offerings**

Your gift contributes to our beautiful Easter celebration, *and* it may be made in honor or memory of someone important to you. All donations will be listed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins and in the Enews. Giving envelopes are in the pews and at the doors; you may donate by check or online using [this link](#). **For inclusion in the Easter bulletins, we must have your donation by Monday, March 25 at noon.**

### **Inviting Your Favorite Treats for Palm Sunday Coffee Hour and Easter Sunday**

Please help us make coffee hour on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday special for regulars and visitors alike! Look for the signup sheet in the lounge, contact [Julie](#) to find out what's needed, or just bring a dish. Thank you!

### **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper**

Our Maundy Thursday observance begins with a simple supper of soup and bread in the Lounge. Please bring food to share if you can, but come even if you can't. So that we can get an idea of numbers, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Lounge. If you plan to attend, please be sure to sign up on the flip chart in the Lounge on Sunday. You can also sign up by emailing [Julie](#).

### **About Our Holy Week and Easter Services....**

#### **Palm Sunday March 24, 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist**

Palm Sunday begins with the Liturgy of the Palms and a Palm Sunday procession with bagpipes. When the congregation reassembles, the service continues with the Passion Sunday Liturgy, which includes the reading of the Passion According to Luke and Holy Eucharist.

#### **Maundy Thursday March 28, 6:30 p.m., Rev. Mo Peitler-Lederman preaching and presiding Soup Supper, Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist**

The Triduum (three days) of Holy Week begins with Maundy Thursday. We will gather in the Lounge for an “agape” meal, in our case a simple potluck supper of soup, bread, and water. (If you can, please let us know you are coming so that we can provide adequate seating.) The service begins in the lounge and processes into the sanctuary for a service of Holy Eucharist, during which we participate in Foot Washing (participation optional). During the Stripping of the Altar, the altar candles and reserved sacrament are taken to the Altar of Repose set up in the Lady Chapel. You are invited to stay for prayer or meditation.

**[Liturgy Trivia:** There is no dismissal in the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday liturgies. Therefore one is considered to be in worship from the beginning of the Maundy Thursday service until the end of the Easter Vigil.]

#### **Good Friday March 29, Noon, 7:30 pm, Bethesda Lutheran Church**

St. Thomas's will not be hosting services on Good Friday. You are invited to join Bethesda Lutheran for either their noon or 7:30 pm service.

#### **Holy Saturday March 30, 7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, Rev. Yejide Peters Pietersen preaching and presiding**

This service concludes the Triduum. The first part of the liturgy includes the kindling of the new fire, the singing of the Exsultet, and the Hebrew Scripture readings of salvation history interspersed with plainsong chants and canticles. The service continues with the renewal of our baptismal covenant, and then a full service of Holy Communion. While this service is long, it's also beautiful and intimate, a moving and joyful way to welcome the resurrected Christ.

#### **Easter Sunday March 31 10 a.m. Festal Eucharist, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp preaching and presiding**

Easter Sunday, the Sunday of the Resurrection, is the most important Sunday of the Church year. The St. Thomas's Choir will offer anthems and the congregation will join the Choir in singing favorite Easter hymns.