

Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14a

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 581: Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 22:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the people respond

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

The Celebrant introduces the Offertory.

Offerings may be made by texting "StThomasBC" to 73256. You can also click or paste this link into your internet browser's search field: <https://onrealm.org/stthomasbc/give/now>, or go to our website www.StThomasBC.org and click the green "Contribute Now" button at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your generosity.

Anthem: *I give you a new commandment* Peter Nardone

The bread and wine for communion are set upon the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Here the Proper Preface is said. Then all join in the Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through the holy sacrifice of Jesus; and remembering the events of the Last Supper, prays that the gifts of bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant prays that all may benefit from Christ's holy sacrifice and be renewed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the prayer the people respond

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebrant says the invitation to communion. The prayer for those unable to receive communion is said. The Reserve Sacrament is available in the chapel at St. Thomas for those who wish to receive communion after having participated in online worship.

Hymn 439: What wondrous love is this

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

After communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant prays the Solemn Prayer over the people and then dismisses them with these words

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar as the choir sings Psalm 69.

The Reserved Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel throughout the night. Livestream of the chapel is available on St. Thomas's YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week & Easter: Services in Holy Week and Easter are currently planned to take place outdoors at the elevator entrance. In case of inclement weather outdoor services will be cancelled and they will be live-streamed from inside the church without in-person attendance.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Live-stream Service
Followed by The Watch in the Chapel

Good Friday 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Way of the Cross
(Sojourner Truth Monument)
12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday Service,
Outdoors at St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy Outdoor Service
with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 9:00 a.m. Burial of Christ Outdoor Service
7:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter Outdoor Service

Easter Day 9:00 a.m. Live-stream Service
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service

In-Person Worship is now offered on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. The service will be held outside at the elevator entrance, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair and bundle up. Live-stream services from inside the church at 9:00 a.m. will continue (in-person attendance is still not permitted indoors).

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional health precautions are in place including a visitor log and temperature checks for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Daily Prayer: Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Services are livestreamed to St. Thomas Facebook Page, YouTube channel and website.