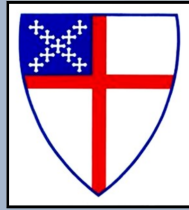


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From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As spring knocks on our doors many of us feel an immense sense of relief. This has been a long winter, and Lent felt like it came early. Now as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord many of us are ready for joy of new life to begin.

It is a great joy to be with you all at St. Thomas, and as always I am thankful to be your priest in charge. I especially want to celebrate how joyful advent, Christmas and even the first part of Lent has been. It has been a gift to learn to walk through the liturgies of the church, and study with you all as we wrapped up the Luke bible study in January and read The Episcopalian Way of Life in February. I have shared with folks as often as I can, but I feel the need to continue saying, I am so blessed to be worshipping and learning with you all.

This Spring we will continue our heavy Lenten offerings, and look to the future. This is a special time to be a part of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. There is new energy, new members on Vestry, and new interest in looking to strengthening our life together. We're trying to embrace new technology and new ways of communication as well. With any change however, even if needed, there are the growing pains. It can be uncomfortable to rethink how we engage our community. That said, as ever I want to celebrate who we have been and who we are becoming. This is a new season, and new life is all around us. This is what the Spirit of God does actually, when we let her. There will soon be butterflies in the air, I hope you see them!

Peace

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St. Thomas Spring Calendar

March

4, 11, 18, 25	Monday Lenten program:	Compline and reflections on Merton 8:30 pm
6, 13, 20, 27	Wednesday Lenten program:	Evening Prayer at 5:45 pm
		Potluck Dinner at 6 pm
		Study at 6:30 pm
7, 14, 21	Thursday Lenten program:	Noonday Eucharist
1, 8, 15, 22	Friday Lenten program:	Centering Prayer with reflections on Merton 9:30 am
6, 13, 20	Community Lenten Lunch	at Orange Baptist at 12:15 (St. Thomas hosts the 6th)
22	Movie Night	<i>The Quiet Girl</i>

HOLY WEEK

24	Passion / Palm Sunday 8 and 10:15 am	
25, 26	Holy Week Evening services	Evening Prayer 5:45 pm
27	Last Wednesday study	Evening Prayer 5:45 followed by potluck and study
28	Maundy Thursday service 6 pm	
29	Good Friday Services 12 and 6 pm	
31	Easter services at 8 and 10:15 am	followed by an Easter Egg hunt and Brunch

April

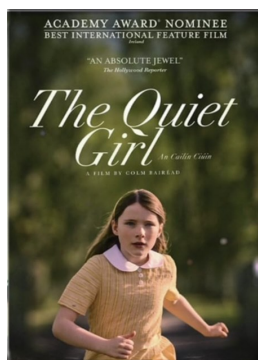
8	Evening Study 6 - 7:30 pm (online and in-person)	(also Apr. 15, 22, 29)
21	Evensong 4:30 pm	
26	Movie Night	<i>CODA</i>
	Projects:	➤ Look for the dates of the first Public Theology event

May

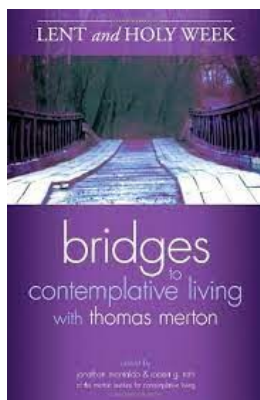
5	May Day celebration and Africa Team Ministry	
12	Mother's Day	
19	Pentecost Sunday - Celebration of New Ministry area teams and plans (baptism day)	
19	Graduate Recognition	
24	Movie Night	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i>
26	Trinity Sunday - end of Spring programming	
	Projects:	➤ Prepare for Christmas Bazaar ➤ Joe Rowe day

St. Thomas ongoing events

- ◆ First Sunday of the month: Jail ministry at 1 pm, Penny Sunday and Birthday/Anniversary prayers
- ◆ Monthly Movie nights
- ◆ Adult Forum 9:05 - 10:00 am



Discipleship Offerings this Spring



Offerings this Lent

Pastor Kyle is hosting an online ecumenical gathering for those interested in exploring rhythms of prayer in conversation with the writings of Thomas Merton. Each week in Lent we will have two opportunities to gather: **Monday** evenings from 8:30-9:30 pm praying compline and **Friday** mornings from 9:30-10:30 am with centering prayer practice. Contact Pastor Kyle for material or questions.

On **Wednesdays** we are invited to participate in the ecumenical community Lenten programs hosted this year by Orange Baptist at 12:15 pm with lunch to follow.

Adult Forum

Book of Common Prayer 101 will be offered **March 3, 10, and 17**. This intro class to the prayer book will be helpful for folks new to the BCP and looking to deepen their practical understanding of how to use it in everyday life. The Book of Common Prayer is the book of our whole life, and we'll take a look at how to embody that truth.

After a slight delay in scheduling we will still be offering **Acolyte and LEM training in April 7, 14, 21, and 28**. These weeks will be broken into two parts, meaning folks interested are encouraged to join for two weeks in a row to get the full training. Please contact Pastor Kyle if you are interested or have questions.



Our First Public Theology event in April

Be sure to look for the final date and place as we get closer to our first "Pub-Theology" event. Where we will gather in one of our local establishments and host a public theological conversation.

These events not only allow for theological reflection, but to do so in an engaging and light hearted manner open to new comers and guests. Please contact Pastor Kyle if you have interest or questions about this or any of the discipleship offerings coming.

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