



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,
declare Christ's Mission for us:
to grow as a Church
in the spiritual strength
of community,
and to care, reach out,
and include all people in Christ's love.

Pentecost Sunday



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 19, 2024

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Introit

Pentecost

Mark Schweizer

In the spirit of Pentecost, we invite the congregation to join in singing with the choir!

Come O Spirit of Fire
To all people inspire
Holy wind, holy fire
Rushing down in glory
Tell the ancient story.

Refrain:

*Rushing wind, wind, wind
Tongues of flame, flame, flame
Rushing wind, tongues of flame
Who will tell the story?*

Come O Spirit of Flame
To your people proclaim
God in Spirit became
For us to inherit
Father, Son, and Spirit.

Refrain

Come O Spirit of Light

Pentecost is your might
Seven gifts sent aright
To your congregation
Blessing every nation.

Refrain

Father, Son, Spirit blest
Ever our welcomed guest
Be all honor addressed
Endless praise be given
To the Lord in Heaven.

Refrain

Come O Spirit of Love,
From the Father above,
Come the heavenly dove,
Shine in all your glory,
Tell the ancient story.

Refrain

Welcome

The Rev. Will Drosos

Procession

Come Down O Love Divine

#516 Hymnal 1982

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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.**

During the singing of the Song of Praise, children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God

#S204 Hymnal 1982

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

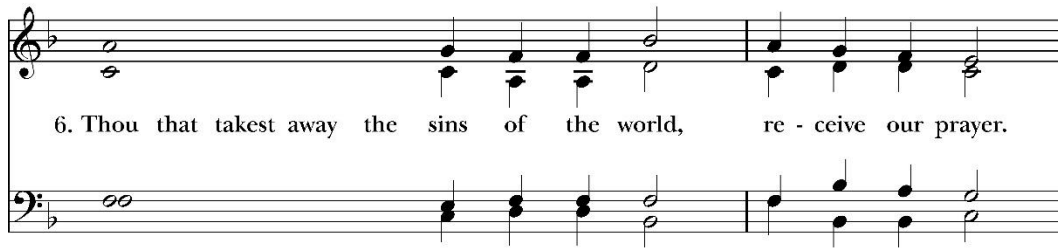
2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

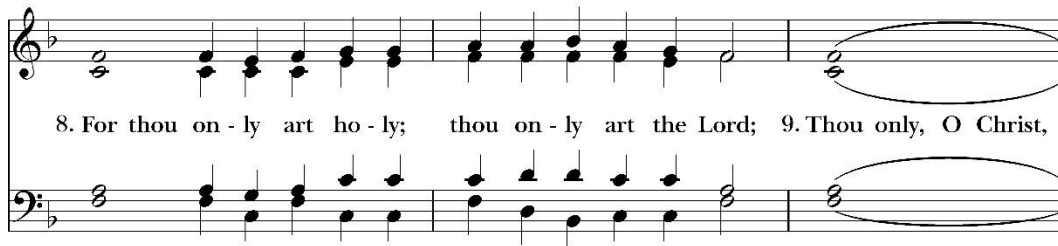
5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



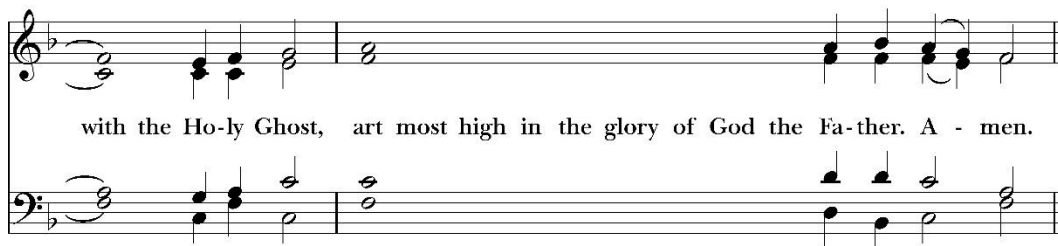
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,



with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the

entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Lori Lind, Icelandic:

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Dan Wicks, French:

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Peter Reddaway, Russian:

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

Mahan and Mojan Mohammadi, Farsi:

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Thampi and Esther Cheryan, Malayalam:

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

Steve Wickman, Chinese:

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 104 responsively by half verse*)

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Come Holy Ghost 1,2 / 3,4

#112 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

1. Come, Ho - ly ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly

1. hearts_ take up_ thy rest;_ Come with thy grace_
2. gift_ of God_ most high;_ Thou fount of life,_
3. Fa - ther and_ the Son;_ Be this our firm_
4. Spir - it with_ them one;_ And may the Son_

1. and heav'n-ly aid_ To fill the hearts_ which_ thou hast
2. and fire of love,_ And sweet a - noint - ing_ from a -
3. un - chang-ing creed,_ That thou dost from_ them_ both pro -
4. on us be - stow_ All gifts that from_ the_ Spir - it

1. made,_ To fill the hearts_ which_ thou_ hast made.
2. bove,_ And sweet a - noint - ing_ from_ a - bove.
3. ceed,_ That thou dost from_ them_ both_ pro - ceed.
4. flow,_ All gifts that from_ the_ Spir - it flow.

Words: *Veni, Creator Spiritus*; atr. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward Caswell (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Lambillotte*, LM; with repeat; Louis Lambillotte, SJ (1796-1855); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Harm. Copyright © 1992 G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL. All Rights Reserved.

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

The Nicene Creed

**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 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

The prayers of the people is a time for us to come together as we offer our prayers to God. Please offer your own prayers in the pauses, either silently or aloud. Kneeling as you are able, let us pray.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table. We remember our community and its needs *[pause]*. In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Mary, our Deacon in Training; Caroline, our Intern; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours. We pray for all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Nici and Toby Bush, Tricia and Skeets Meyer, Abhay and Nirmal Bajekal, and Susan Power and Edward Caine celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, and for those blessings you would name *[pause]*. In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of any kind. Together we pray for **Ethan, Vincent, Lucy, Baby Vera, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bruce, Bill, Herb, Bill, Fran, Eddie, Lisa, KP, Diane, Carolyn, Olga, Cheryl, Amanda, Cleta, Mindy, Barbara, Bill,** and those whom you would name *[pause]*. In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for those who have died. We remember all those whom you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from the Church of England, Common Worship resource, found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-5#mmm260>

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Following the exchange of peace in the church, peace is exchanged with the congregation on Zoom.

The Offertory

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



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<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

Offertory Anthem

The Lone Wild Bird

Jessica Nelson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still in thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit come and rest in me.
Great Spirit come and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep, and far off land.
And I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit come, and rest in me.
Great Spirit come, and rest in me.

The Doxology *(to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")*

#400 Hymnal 1982

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten free wafers are available on request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: #S130 Hymnal 1982

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Thomas and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 – #873 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who
eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and
I in them. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

We offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:
In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my

soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally today, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#120 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first system of lyrics. The vocal line is in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics: 1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, Now you're

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system of lyrics. The vocal line is in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics: 1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are 2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third system of lyrics. The vocal line is in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics: 1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I 2. one to pro - fit when you say, "I am 3. make it right if you will yield; You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in

praise; With-out a doubt we'll know — that we have

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are
3. If you place.

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Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, purify your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Living

#511 Hymnal 1982

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!



**The altar flowers are given by Nici and Toby Bush
In Thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary on Monday, May 20th and
Celebration of the marriage of their daughter Emily to Dominik on Saturday, May 25th.**

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Altar Guild	Barbara Wicks
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Jeff Crigler
Children’s Chapel	Lael Lyons & Caroline Mitchell
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Steve Wickman & Caroline Mitchell
Healing Minister	Rev. David Smith
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Alison Pruitt & Fred Young

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all welcome.



The Annual Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont
will be September 27th to 29th!
More information on registration to come.

You can find the current list of Most Needed Items for SHARE on our website:



St. Thomas Ladies, you're invited to
Lunch Bunch
3rd Monday, May 20th at 11:15 AM
Silver Diner

11951 Killingsworth AV, Reston
<https://www.silverdiner.com/reston>

Want details?
Text Tricia (571) 244-3142
or Audrey at (813) 956-7550



Pints with Doubting Thomas

There will no Pints
with Doubting Thomas
on May 22nd!

We will be back on
June 12th!



Service Opportunity at Fairfax Diapers on May 30th

As new families quickly learn, diapers are an expense that can overwhelm a modest budget. Fairfax Diapers is an organization that aims to help overcome "diaper insecurity" among needy families, including by repackaging bulk donations into household-size packages; see its [website](#) for more information.

St. Thomas has an opportunity to help with this repackaging on Thursday, May 30th, from 10:00 until about noon in Vienna. The specific location is a private residence, and the address will be provided to those who RSVP. We'll be working in the garage, which can accommodate a group of ten, and the repackaging can be done seated. Contact Mary Cushing to RSVP and learn more. Donations of diapers would also be most welcome and can be left in the narthex by Tuesday, May 28th.

SHARE Garden Resurrection Continues!

Thank you to everyone who came the last two Saturdays, to till and fence our garden through which we hope to grow an abundant crop of vegetables for the McLean non-profit SHARE.

Soon, we will be ready to plant our vegetables. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in a challenge. You purchase and bring a vegetable plant of your choice--peppers, summer squash, cucumbers, onions, eggplant, etc. You, or your representative, are invited to plant it, fertilize it, weed it and watch it grow. As we harvest the vegetables, we will assess whose plant was most productive. (Of course, you mustn't harm anyone else's plant; after all, this is a church undertaking)

Happy gardening, everyone and thank you!



The Macbeth Code: 8 July 2024

Themes and misconceptions about Shakespeare's Antiheroes Featuring vignettes by SOT's 2024 *Macbeth* covers illustrating insights on the opera and play by experts Eric Minton of Shakespearances.com and Dr. Lori Lind, Managing Director, Shakespeare Opera Theatre. Settle down with your favorite brew for a wild ride in the Highlands of Medieval Scotland!

Shakespeare + Verdi's Macbeth

July 12, 13, 14, 20 & 21 2024

Enter the dark world of 11th century Scotland, where Verdi's operatic masterpiece and Shakespeare's legendary antiheroes entwine in this spellbinding tale of lust for power steeped in blood.

These popular intimate performances often sell out--get your tickets now at shakespeareoperatheatre.com!

PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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