



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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

June 9, 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

Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

Procession

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

#50 Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

1 This is the day the Lord hath made, he calls the hours his own;
 2 To - day he rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's em - pire fell;
 3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's ho - ly Son!
 4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to us with mes - sag - es of grace!
 5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the Church on earth can raise;

1 let heaven re - joice, let earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 2 to - day the saints his tri - umphs spread, and all his won - ders tell.
 3 Make haste to help us, Lord, and bring sal - va - tion from thy throne.
 4 Who comes, in God his Fa - ther's name, to save our sin - ful race.
 5 the high - est heavens in which he reigns shall give him no - bler praise.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *London New*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meter*, 1635, alt.;
 harm. John Playford (1623-1686).

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the

voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 (*We will pray Psalm 138 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus 1,2 / 3,4

#20 LEVAS II

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;
2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;
3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-'ry day;
4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man-sion bright and bless-ed, He'll pre-pare for us a place.
2. But when trav-'ling days are o-ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay;
4. Soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all _____ get to heav - en, What a day of re-

When we all get to heav - en, What a

joic - ing that will be! _____ When we all _____ see

day of re - joic - ing that will be! When we all see

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry. _____

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry.

Words: Eliza Edmunds Hewitt (1852-1920). Music: Emily Divine Wilson (1865-1942).

The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called

him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Will Drosos

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 Robin Crigler, Graham Forward, and Skeets Meyer celebrating birthdays this week; for Eric and Sarah ten Siethoff celebrating their wedding anniversary 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, Lisa, KP, Diane, Carolyn, Olga, Cheryl, Amanda, Clea, Mindy, Barbara, Bill, Kay, Laura, Andrew, Lee, Cindy** 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, especially 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.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray: **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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

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>.

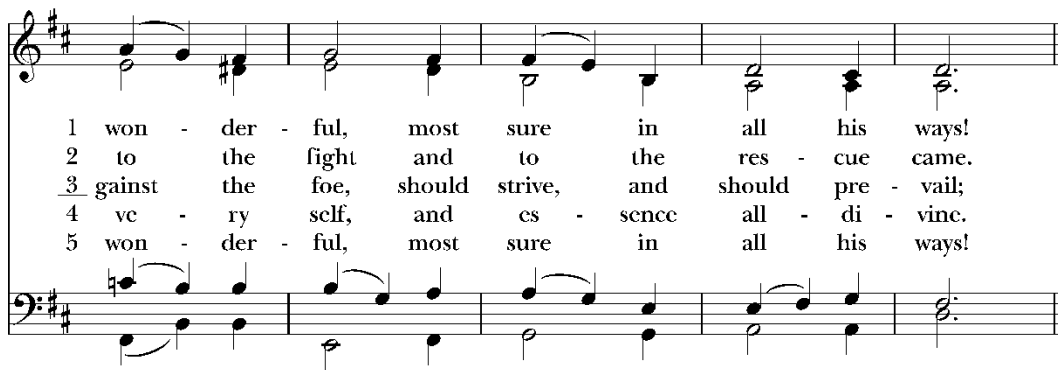
Offertory Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

#446 Hymnal 1982

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most



1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry sclf, and es - sencc all - di - vinc.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Newman*, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938).

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

We will not be distributing communion at the altar rail today. Rev. Fran will give directions about how to signal if you would like to receive by intinction or from the common cup. 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.

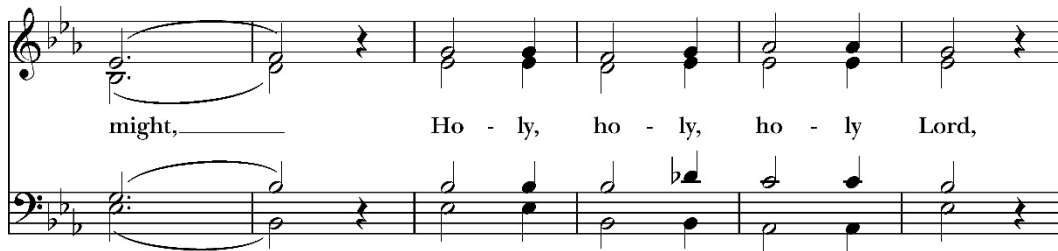
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

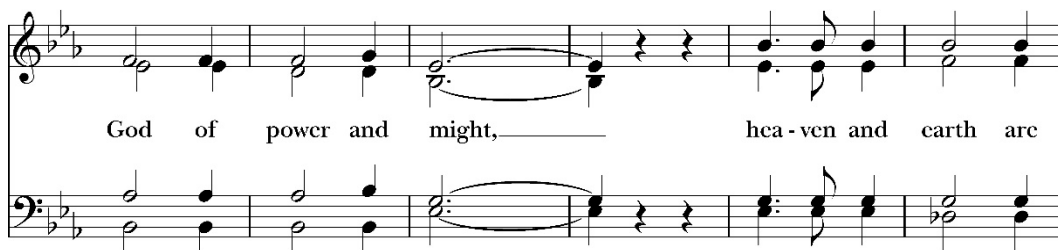
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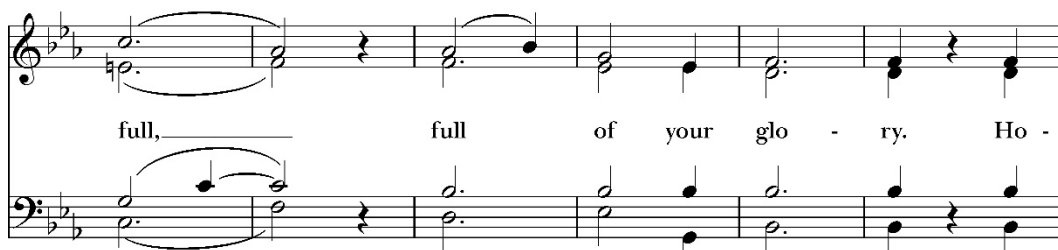
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



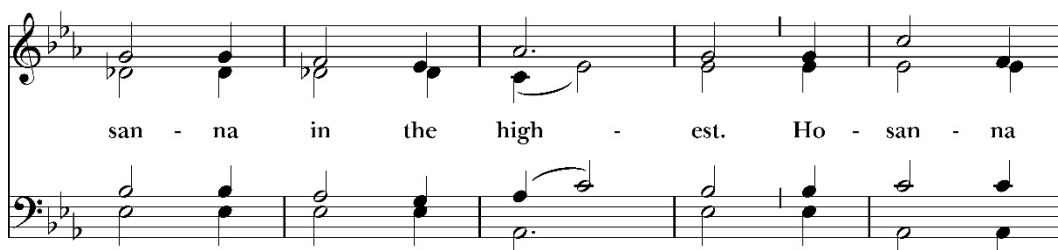
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a steady accompaniment.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

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.

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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

#620 Hymnal 1982

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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 the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Before the Lord's Eternal Throne

#391 Hymnal 1982

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Altar Guild	Deborah Forbes
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear
Flower Guild	Jan Grimes
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Pat Smith
Healing Minister	Caroline Mitchell
Lector & Intercessor	Pat Smith
Usher	Barbara Wicks
Fellowship Hour Host	Betsy Reddaway
Counters	Lynne Montgomery

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments,
all welcome.

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



St. Thomas Walkway of Love

The Walkway of Love that embraces the Memorial Garden provides us with the opportunity to memorialize loved ones no longer with us, give thanks for our present blessings, or simply to offer up ourselves in commitment to this community.

We are now collecting orders for engraved bricks for the Walkway of Love which surrounds the Memorial Garden. The order will be placed on **Monday July 22nd**.

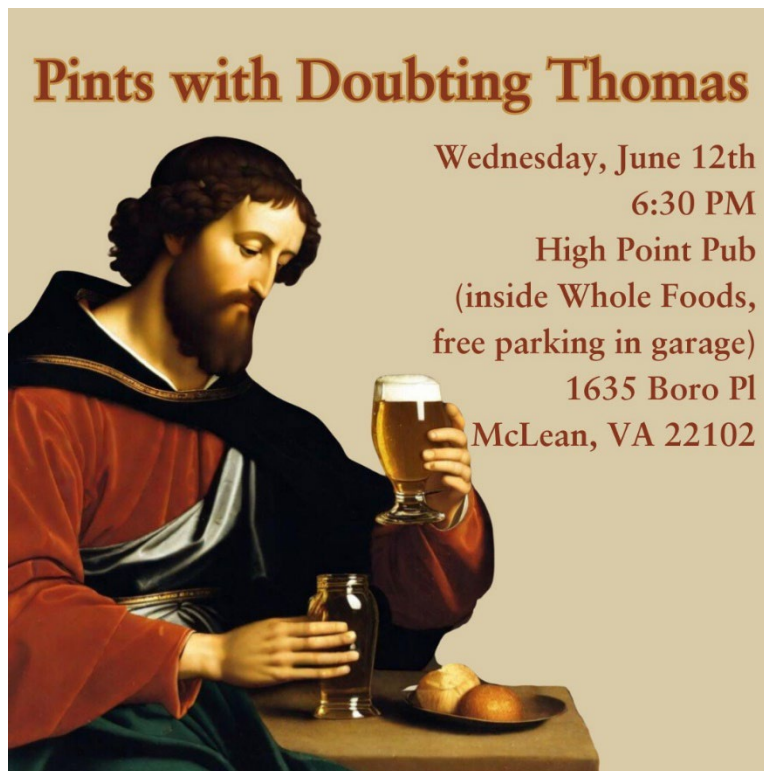
The Walkway of Love is an important fundraiser for the property reserve at St. Thomas. The suggested minimum donation for a brick is \$150.

If you would like to purchase a brick in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one or event, please complete an order form. Hard copies can be found in the narthex or downloaded here:

<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/life-together/walkway-of-love>.

Please return completed forms with your check made payable to St. Thomas Episcopal Church (indicate in the memo section for "Walkway of Love") to Rishabh in the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Toby Bush at tobygbush@hotmail.com



Join us on June 12th as we conclude our series on salvation.

Having covered **how** people are saved and **what** salvation looks like, we will look at different views on **who** is saved. And then, we will consider how that impacts our lives as Christians.

In other words, is salvation the fundamental rationale for being Christian?

Women Gathering Meetup



Ladies, please join us on ZOOM
Thursday, June 13th at 4:30.

Mary, our Deacon in training, will lead the discussion about "[Gender in the Parables of Jesus](#)". The topic relates to women in the Bible, which we've discussed before. The article is about a ten-minute read and is very approachable.

Click on the title for the online article or go to the website:
<https://www.bibleodyssey.org/articles/gender-in-the-parables-of-jesus/>

For inquiries, you can email Betsy at eheilman2003@yahoo.com
or the ZOOM link, email Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com.



The next meeting of the ECW will be on **Sunday, June 16 at 8:45 am** in the ELC and on Zoom. The previously advertised meeting was postponed to June 16th.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89302088143?pwd=Ym5oQVcwTnlLOTY4OG9GRjVaODRUQT09>
Meeting ID: 825 4634 4403
Passcode: 685393
Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

St. Thomas Ladies, you're invited to
Lunch Bunch

4th Monday, June 24th 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



Register for Parish Retreat! Download the form at the link below or pick up a copy in the Narthex!

ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT SEPTEMBER 27-29



PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH \$50 DEPOSIT BY AUGUST 18th

Weekend Rate Includes 2 nights and 6 meals
Single Occupancy – \$237.00 per person Ages: 14yrs to Adult
Double Occupancy – \$182.00 per person Ages: 14yrs to Adult
4 years to 13 years – \$116.00 per person 0 to 3 years – No charge

<https://files.constantcontact.com/723b62cc701/354d45f8-e567-42a8-bb7c-c761897f1332.pdf>

SHARE Garden Resurrection Continues!

The deer fence is up and a few vegetables have been planted. We still need some more vegetable plants--cucumbers, beans, squash, eggplants! Volunteers sought to water our SHARE Garden.



Pleasant Grove Day - Saturday, June 22nd 10am – 2pm

Join The Friends of Pleasant Grove for our annual Pleasant Grove Day open house... now in June in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

We will have our ever-popular attic treasures and homemade baked goods. Take a docent-led tour of the Frances K. Moore Memorial Museum. We'll also be taking oral histories of church descendants.

Learn about the history of Pleasant Grove and what we're working on today!



For more information, visit www.HistoricPleasantGrove.org



Settle in with your favorite brew for a wild ride in the Highlands of Medieval Scotland!

THE MACBETH CODE

JULY 8, 2024 | 7PM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
8991 Brook Rd.
McLean, VA 22102

THEMES AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SHAKESPEARE'S ANTIHEREOS

Featuring vignettes by SOT's 2024 Macbeth cover artists illustrating insights on the opera and play by experts Eric Minton of Shakespearances.com and Dr. Lori Lind, Managing Director, Shakespeare Opera Theatre.

TICKETS: \$25.00 AND UP



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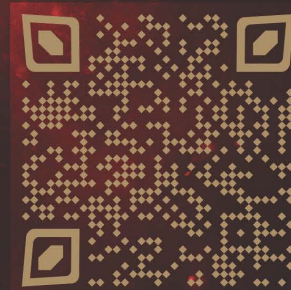
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MACBETH

July 12-21, 2024



SCAN ME

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
8991 Brook Rd., McLean, VA

Friday 07/12/24 @ 7pm
Saturday 07/13/24 @ 7pm
Sunday 07/14/24 @ 4pm

Grace Episcopal Church
6507 Main St., The Plains, VA

Saturday 07/20/24 @ 4pm
Sunday 07/21/24 @ 5pm

TICKETS: **\$39.50** AND UP

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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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