



**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.

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM  
September 8, 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. Will Drosos

Introit

*Canticle 12: A Song of Creation*

#885 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Procession

*Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old*

#567 Hymnal 1982

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

**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.**

**Song of Praise**

*Glory to You, O Lord (Canticle 13)*

**#886 Wonder, Love, and Praise**

Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord.  
 you are wor - thy of praise.

Verses are on Page 4



Glory to you, Lord God in the **highest**; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to **you**.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy **Name**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**.      *Refrain*

Glory to you in the splendor of your **temple**; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, seated between the **Cherubim**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**.      *Refrain*

Glory to you, beholding the **depths**; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy **Spirit**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**.      *Refrain*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The First Lesson**

#### **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 125** (*We will pray Psalm 125 responsively by half verse*)

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
**which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*

**so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*

**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*

**and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,

the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*

**but peace be upon Israel.**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **James 2:1-17**

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re-  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit-ter-ness a-way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx-i-e-ty shall cease and

store my hope, re-move my fear and bring me peace a-gain.  
 me for-give as one for-given and bring me peace to-day.  
 pel the mem-o-ries of guilt, and bring me peace with-in.  
 heaven's se-ren-i-ty be mine, for Je-sus brings me peace!

Words: Michael Perry. Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

**The Gospel**

**Mark 7:24-37**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside

in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Caroline Mitchell**

### **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**

*Deacon:* The prayers of the people is a time for us to come together as we offer our prayers to God. Please kneel as you are able and offer your own prayers in the pauses, either silently or aloud. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

*Intercessor:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be

found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; for all bishops and other ministers; for Fran, Will, Caroline, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Mary, our Deacon; Beth, our Seminarian; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, Glenn, our Governor, and the officials of Fairfax County, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the blessings of this life, especially Patty Mikell, Esther Cheryan, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for those blessings you would name *[pause]*. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Vera, Lucy, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bruce, Bill, Mindy, Barbara, Andrew, Cindy, Beverly, Olga, Debbie, Davis, Cheryl, Grace, Andrew, Tricia, Jillian**, and those whom you would name *[pause]*; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For those who have died, especially Jamie Turrentine, in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, and those whom you would name *[pause]*. For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Thomas and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

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**

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*



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

**Offertory Hymn**

*In Boldness Look to God*

**#94 Voices Found**

Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C)

1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who  
2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -  
3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter  
4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh

Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Eb(D) Ab(G)

dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that  
ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose  
part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -  
stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb(Am)

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be  
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the  
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'  
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em)

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.  
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.  
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.  
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

**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**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

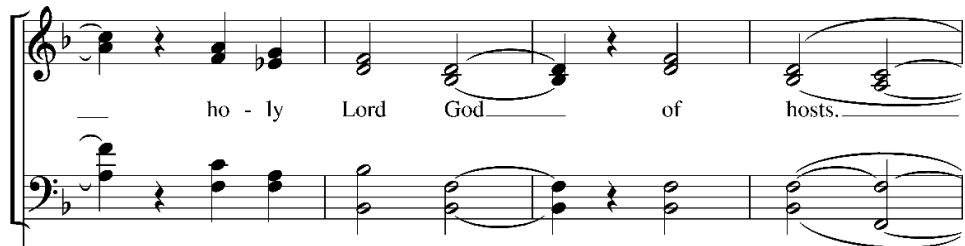
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

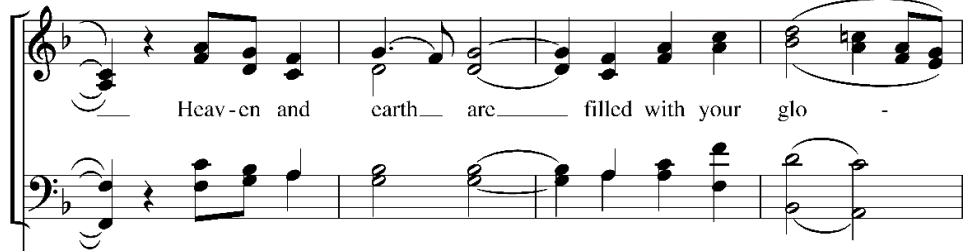
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: #255 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

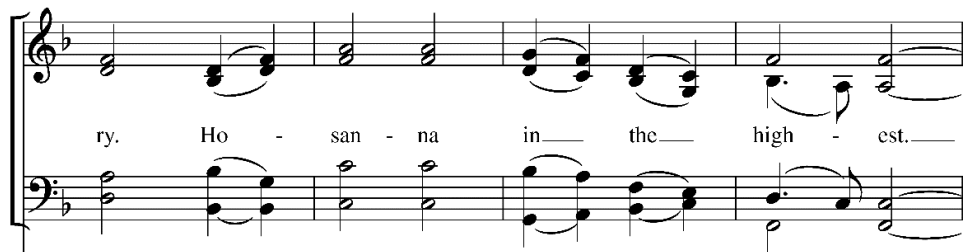
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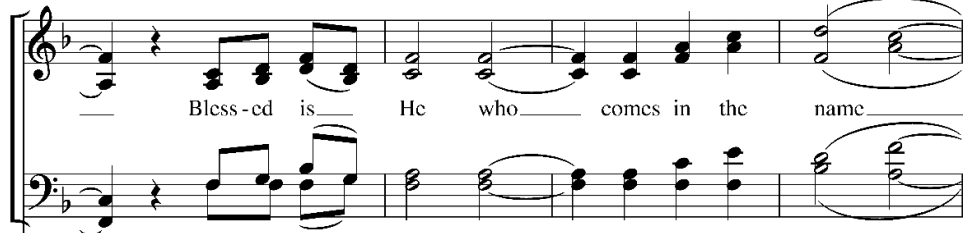
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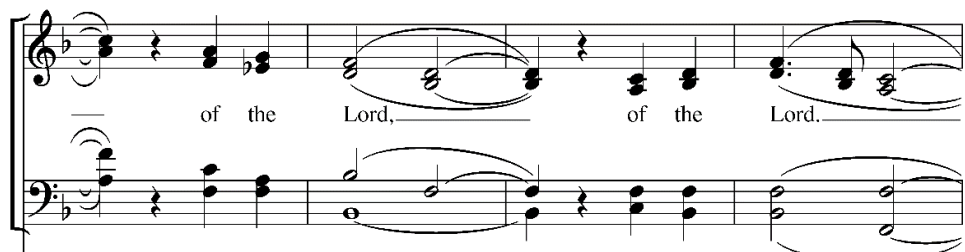
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -



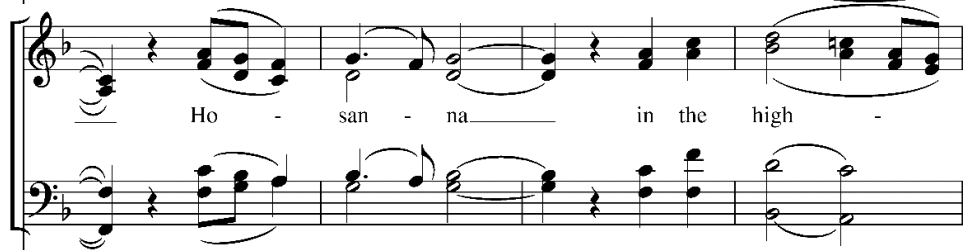
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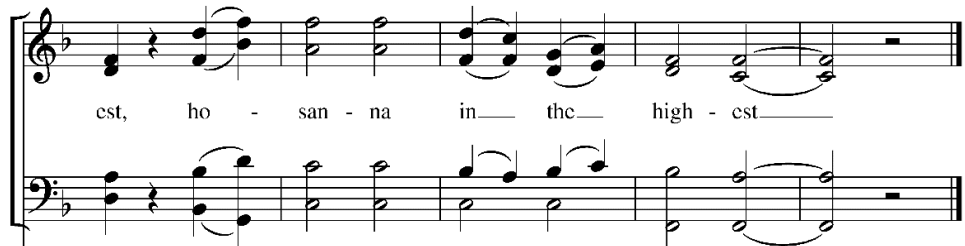
Bless - cd is He who comes in the name



of the Lord, of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high -



est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

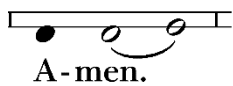
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*



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: #876 Wonder, Love, and Praise

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*



of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

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.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Jesu, Jesu*

**#74 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

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**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.

**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**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where God lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

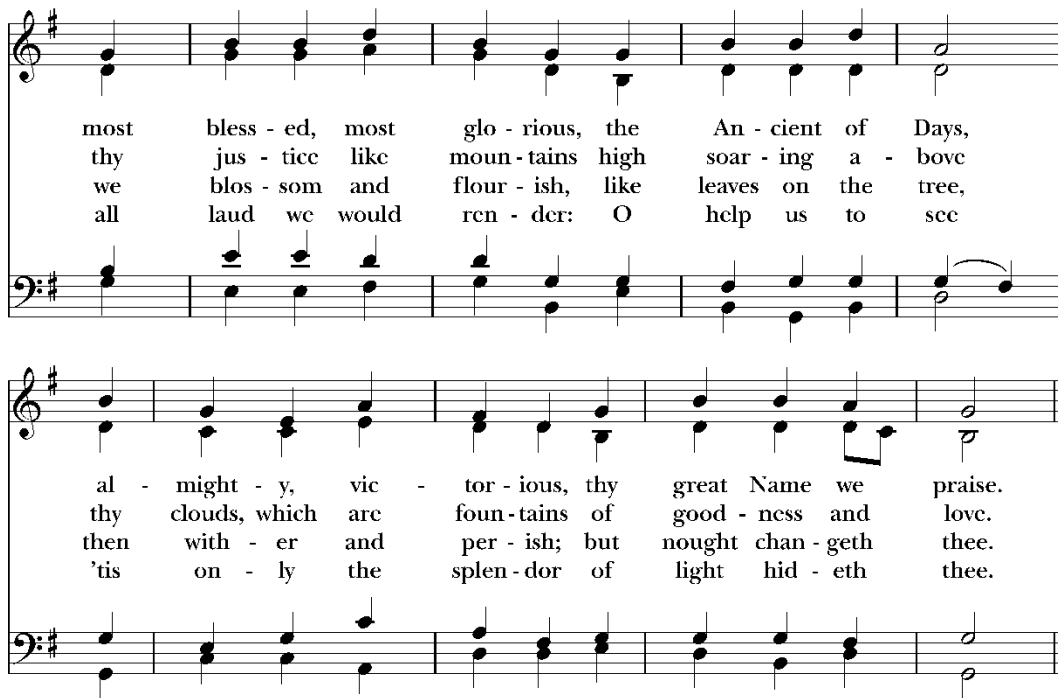
**#423 Hymnal 1982**

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;





most bless - ed, most glo - ri - ous, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Partita on *Moscow*



**The altar flowers are given by Rev. Caroline Mitchell  
 in memory of Jamie Turrentine  
 on the five year anniversary of her death.**

### Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Caroline
Deacon	Rev. Caroline
Acolyte	Ed Rhodes
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Beth Clarke
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Louise Armitage
Lector & Intercessor	Louise Armitage
Usher	Rick Montfort
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Melinda Fairchild
Counters	Rick Howe & Will Ferris

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

# ST THOMAS Pumpkin Patch

G R E A T P U M P K I N S F O R G O O D C A U S E S



## Great Pumpkins for Good Causes

Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Pumpkin Patch is coming soon to St Thomas!

Pumpkin sales support the Northwestern New Mexico Navajo Indian Reservation where the pumpkins are grown. We donate all proceeds to our ministry partners: SHARE (McLean food bank), Falls Church/McLean Children's Center, Second Story, and the FACETS Hypothermia Program.

## **THREE EASY ways everyone can help:**

1. **Tell your friends – word of mouth is the best advertising. Post a picture of yourself in the Patch or on social media.**
2. **Like and Share the Pumpkin Patch Facebook & Instagram Page!**
3. **Sign up to sell pumpkins - <http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>**

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/StThomasPumpkins>

## **TWO OTHER WAYS TO HELP**

1. **PALLET LAYDOWN** - Sunday Sept 29th at 4PM.

(The parish retreat finishes at noon on this day) We'll be laying out the pallets to display the pumpkins. We need around a dozen volunteers. If you are able-bodied and willing to help – please email me at [tobygbush@hotmail.com](mailto:tobygbush@hotmail.com).

2. **PUMPKIN UNLOADING** - Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM (AFTERNOON!).

RAIN or SHINE. Almost all of the lifting and carrying is done by local 8<sup>th</sup> graders performing community service. We need 12-15 adult volunteers to help supervise (and in some cases) assist them. There are also opportunities on unload day that are even less strenuous – check-in, hospitality etc. Please email me at [tobygbush@hotmail.com](mailto:tobygbush@hotmail.com) if you can help.

If you would like to assist with decorating the patch, please email Becky Ventorini [beckyventorini@gmail.com](mailto:beckyventorini@gmail.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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The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop-elect*  
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# The Skinny at St. Thomas September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

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## **Pints with Doubting Thomas**

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons.

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## **St Thomas Hike**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**

Join us for a casual hike. We will meet at St. Thomas after church at noon and head to Riverbend Park in the Great Falls area. Please bring appropriate attire and any food you will want for the journey!

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## **Interfaith Resiliency Conference**

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 4pm**

Hosted by Faith Communities in Action, the theme for this event is “**Faith Forward: Prevention and Preparedness for a Resilient Community.**” Join faith leaders, Fairfax County leaders and public safety officials at this important event. More information and registration link here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/third-annual-interfaith-resiliency-conference>

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## **Please Volunteer for the Fall Festival!**

There are a variety of jobs, including those that can be done at home. Please sign up on the link below (after reading the introduction and volunteer descriptions). Please try to sign up by September 20th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-45827782-2024>

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## **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:15 am**

Bear Branch Taven

133 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA 22180  
(entrance in the back)

(571) 669-3663

Details? contact [Audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:Audreyjadair@gmail.com)  
or [Tricia.d.meyer@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.d.meyer@gmail.com)

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## **St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch!**

Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual pumpkin patch is coming soon! We are seeking volunteers for Pallet laydown on 9/29 and Pumpkin unload on 10/5. For more ways to help, including the sign-up to sell pumpkins, see the full announcement in the bulletin.

## **Coffee Hour Sign-ups Have Changed**

We are now using SignUpGenius. You can scan the QR code or click the link below.

If you need help signing up electronically, Becky Ventorini would be happy to help you

[beckyventorini@gmail.com](mailto:beckyventorini@gmail.com) or

Hm: (703) 288-3166/Cell: (202) 390-4412

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-50136812-stthomas>



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## **SHARE Garden Care & Bedsheets**

There is a sign-up sheet at church to volunteer for a week of weeding, harvesting and delivering produce. We are also collecting clean, gently used sheets and pillowcases for SHARE. Donations can be bagged and left in the Narthex.

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## **Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers**

**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning**

We will now be going monthly on the first Thursday, repackaging diapers from bulk quantities to household-size bundles to be distributed to needy families. Contact Mary Cushing or Anne Spear to sign up. The address will be given to volunteers.

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## **Women Gathering on Summer Hiatus**

Join us when we resume on **October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 on Zoom.** You can prepare by

reading the introduction to **Inspired: Slaying giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held

Evans. The book is available on Amazon in

paperback, e-book, and audiobook.

Contacts:

Audrey at [audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjadair@gmail.com) or

Betsy at [ehelman2003@yahoo.com](mailto:ehelman2003@yahoo.com)

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## **Bishop's Visit Save the Date!**

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Speak to Fran or Will if you are interested in Confirmation.

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## **This Week**

**Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

**Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

11 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

**Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

**Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

**Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast

**Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

9 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship