



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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
September 22, 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

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#408 Hymnal 1982



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - cry faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

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.**

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 to You, O Lord (Canticle 13)

#886 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line with the lyrics "Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord." and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with the lyrics "you are wor - thy of praise." and a piano accompaniment. The third system is a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/2.

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (*We will pray Psalm 1 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Sequence Hymn

One Small Child 1,2 / 3

#70 Voices Found

1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid-dle of the
2 Up - side down, down-side up, go our per-cep-tions of
3 "Take my hand, un - der - stand- this is the mod-el for the

grown-ups' cir - cle: "Wel - come him, Wel - come her, and
who's the great - est: "Take my word, trust my word as
king - dom peo - ple. Blessed are you, all of you who

then you are wel - com - ing me."
read - i - ly as this small child."
come to me like this small child."

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The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Ms. Beth Clarke

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 Tess Jannery-Barney, Cleta Raymond, Michael Regan,

and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Phyllis and Steve Wickman, Louise and Tom Armitage, and 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, Malcolm, Tony, John, Emily, Betsy and Michael**, 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 for Peter, uncle of Mary Cushing, and Rahmad, brother of our friend Nargis, who died this week; for Charlene Hutcherson, mother of Jane Frierson, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given; and for 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 Anthem

Sing a New Song

Michael Praetorius

*Sing a new song,
Sing to God with a voice of triumph,
Make his praises known to all the nations;
Sing the honor of his name.*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed 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.

The musical score consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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.

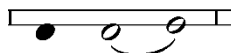
Christ is risen.

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



A-men.

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.

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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

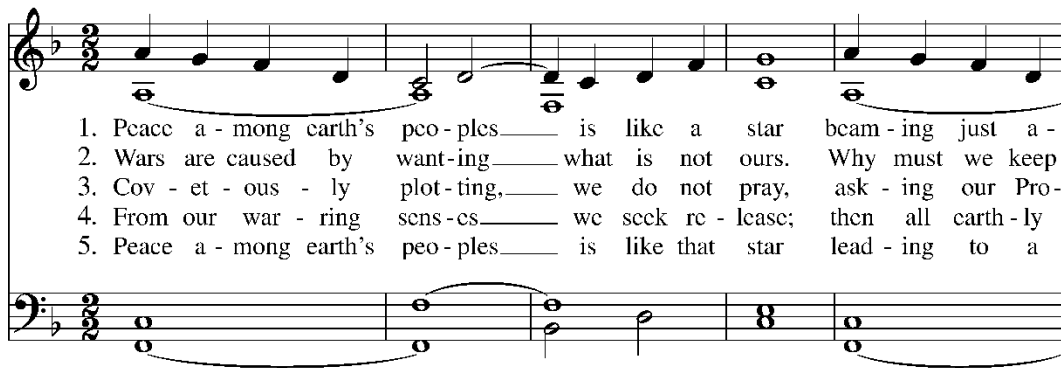
While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

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.

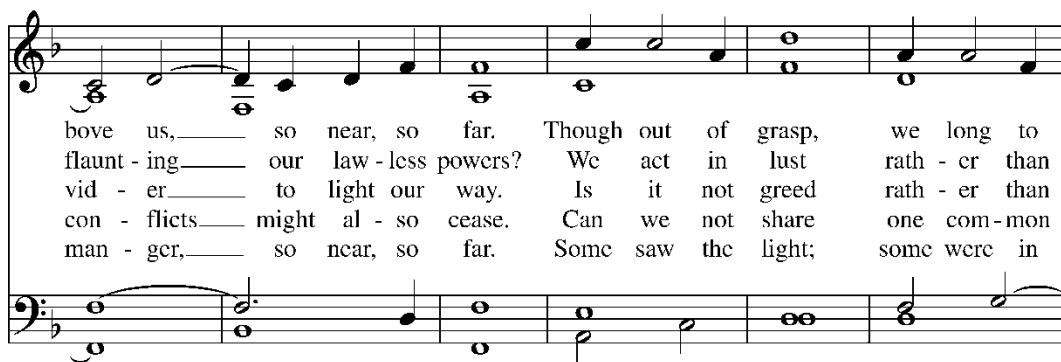
Communion Hymn

Peace Among Earth's Peoples

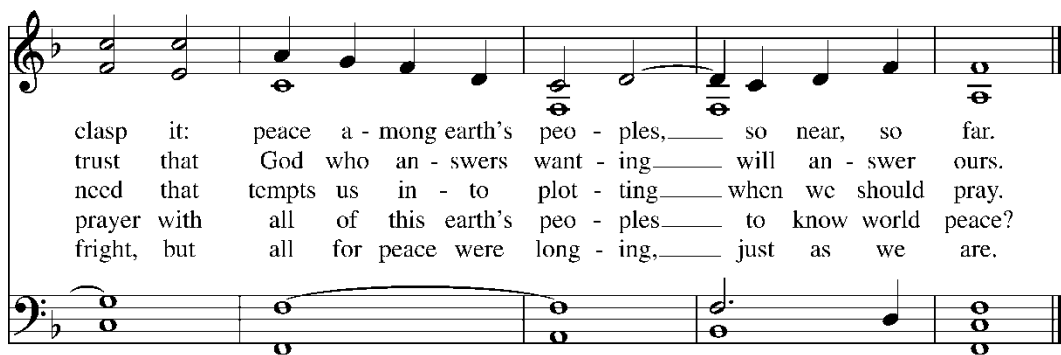
#789 Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples _____ is like a star beam - ing just a -
2. Wars are caused by want - ing _____ what is not ours. Why must we keep
3. Cov - et - ous - ly plot - ting, _____ we do not pray, ask - ing our Pro -
4. From our war - ring sens - es _____ we seek re - lease; then all carth - ly
5. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples _____ is like that star lead - ing to a



bove us, _____ so near, so far. Though out of grasp, we long to
flaunt - ing _____ our law - less powers? We act in lust rath - er than
vid - er _____ to light our way. Is it not greed rath - er than
con - flicts _____ might al - so cease. Can we not share one com - mon
man - ger, _____ so near, so far. Some saw the light; some were in



clasp it: peace a - mong earth's peo - ples, _____ so near, so far.
trust that God who an - swers want - ing _____ will an - swer ours.
need that tempts us in - to plot - ting _____ when we should pray.
prayer with all of this earth's peo - ples _____ to know world peace?
fright, but all for peace were long - ing, _____ just as we are.

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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

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#390 Hymnal 1982

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ca - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hasthou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Variations on *The Old Rugged Cross*



The altar flowers are given by Jane Frierson
in loving memory of her mother Charlene Hutcherson

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Beth Clarke
Deacon	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Susan Cowart
Altar Guild	Susan Cowart
Digital Usher	Bruce Allan
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Flower Guild	Jane Frierson
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Debby Reed
Usher	Becky Ventorini
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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 17th 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.

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

RAIN or SHINE. Almost all of the lifting and carrying is done by local 8th 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 if you can help.

If you would like to assist with decorating the patch, please email Becky Ventorini 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 Skinny at St. Thomas September 22nd, 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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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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St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch!

Our 17th 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.

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Traditional English Tea at Oatlands

Register by September 22nd

The tea will take place on Saturday, December 21 at 12:30 PM. All the details are on the registration form in the narthex, and the price is \$70. Please make your check payable to Jane Frierson and submit registration and payment by today.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, September 23rd 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 or Tricia.d.meyer@gmail.com

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons.

This week, we will be learning about and discussing how we interpret scripture.

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Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, October 3rd 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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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Sign-ups for coffee hour on Sundays is now available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below (instead of the paper sign-up in Hudson Hall). If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help! We now ask hosts to provide 2-3 items (to include fresh fruit or raw veggies) and you can indicate if you would like to make coffee or not. Thank you for continuing this tradition of Fellowship at St.

Thomas! If you have any questions, please contact me directly. Becky Ventorini, Fellowship Hour Coordinator

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, Bedsheets, & Coats

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

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Women Gathering Resumes

Join us on **October 10th 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 or

Betsy at ehelman2003@yahoo.com

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This Week

Monday September 23rd

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

7 pm – Vestry Meeting

Tuesday September 24th

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

2 pm – Silent Book Club

Wednesday September 25th

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday September 26th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Friday September 27th to Sunday

September 29th

Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Sunday September 29th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

4 pm – Pumpkin Pallet Laydown