



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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
September 29, 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. Philene Ware Dunn

Prelude

Procession

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

#574 Hymnal 1982

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - refit of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Boruniansky (1751-1825).

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.**

There will not be any children's chapel today

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

A reading from the Book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows

that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 (*We will pray Psalm 124 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

A reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a

human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

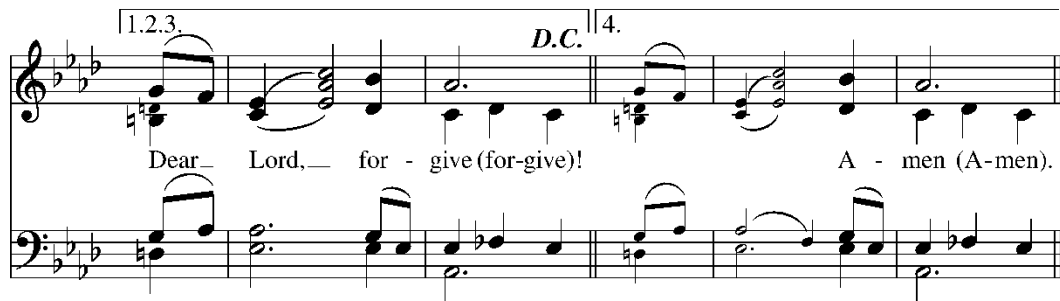
If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today 1,2 / 3,4

#176 LEVAS II

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
 2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
 3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
 4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
 2. If I have turned a - side from want or pain,
 3. If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
 4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 2. Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
 3. When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
 4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.



Words: C. M. Battersby. Music: Charles Gabriel (1856-1932).

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn

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 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."

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 Ed Rhodes, Lynne Montgomery, Ryan Nikpey Villalobos, Louise Armitage, Laura Barlow, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for David and Kathleen Leach, 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, Emily, Betsy and Michael, Melissa, Alexa, Cassandra**, 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 our friend Chris Cabell, who died on her 80th birthday last week, 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 Anthem

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

#343 Hymnal 1982

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "of the Lord, of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The vocal line features a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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. **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: #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 will not distribute communion at the rail today, but we will still offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please hold out one hand, the priest will give you bread, and then you can proceed to the cup. If you would like to receive by intinction, please hold out two hands crossed and the priest will dip the bread in the cup for you

Communion Hymn *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly* #761 Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshipping 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 *Go Forth for God; Go to the World in Peace* #347 Hymnal 1982



1 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we_____ be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace_____ and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher	Rev. Philene Ware Dunn
Acolyte	Louise Armitage
Substitute Organist	Steve McBride
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear
Flower Guild	Melinda Fairchild
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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

The Pumpkin Patch is coming soon to St Thomas! We open **Sunday October 6th**. Our patch does good from beginning to end. Our pumpkins are grown on Northwestern New Mexico Navajo Indian Reservation land – providing much needed employment. Our unload and reload events provide a service-learning opportunity for local 8th graders. Proceeds from pumpkin sales support our ministry partners: SHARE (McLean food bank), Falls Church/McLean Children’s Center, Second Story, and the FACETS Hypothermia Program. Finally, our leftover pumpkins help feed the animals at Rikki’s Refuge – a non-kill, large animal shelter.

Please sign up to sell pumpkins. We are open from 10-6PM on the weekend, noon to 6PM during the week. 2 hour shifts. It’s a great way to meet local folk and tell them about St. Thomas.

Sign up to sell pumpkins - <http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>

If you want to help out at PUMPKIN UNLOADING you’d be most welcome.

Saturday October 5th at 2:30PM (AFTERNOON!) to 5:30PM

RAIN or SHINE. Almost all of the lifting and carrying is done by local 8th graders performing community service. Adult volunteers 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’d like to help

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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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).

<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 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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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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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, October 9th 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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Women Gathering Zoom Meetup

Resumes Thurs. October 10th at 4:30pm

Please join us as Rev. Fran will lead a discussion of **Inspired: Slaying giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held Evans. You can prepare by reading the Introduction, the Temple, and Chapter 1: Origin Stories. The book is available in paperback, e-book, and audiobook. Contacts:

Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com or Betsy at eheilman2003@yahoo.com

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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 on the back of this page (instead of the paper sign-up in Hudson Hall).

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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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Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, October 28th at 11:15 am

Honeygrow, 8399 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22182

<https://www.honeygrow.com>

Contacts—Audrey (813) 956-7550 and
Tricia (571) 244-3142

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ECW Treats and Treasures Sale

The Annual Treats & Treasures Sale will follow the 10 am service on December 8th with a possible clearance sale the following week. This is the major fundraising event for the ECW garnering nearly \$3,000 last year. All of the proceeds from the ECW sale are given to various charitable organizations. Please begin to select items to donate for the sale and bring them to church for pricing now through mid November. Thank you for supporting the ECW Treats & Treasures Sale. For more information or to volunteer, contact the ECW at

ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org

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This Week

Monday September 30th

OFFICE CLOSED following Parish Retreat

Tuesday October 1st

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday October 2nd

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Thursday October 3rd

10 am – Fairfax Diapers Outreach Event

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Friday October 4th

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

5 pm – Confirmation Class for Youth

Saturday October 5th

1:30 pm – Confirmation Class for Youth

2:30 pm – Pumpkin Unload

Sunday October 6th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

12 pm – Confirmation Class for Youth