



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.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
October 20, 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

Prelude

You Welcomed Me (inspired by Matthew 25:35)

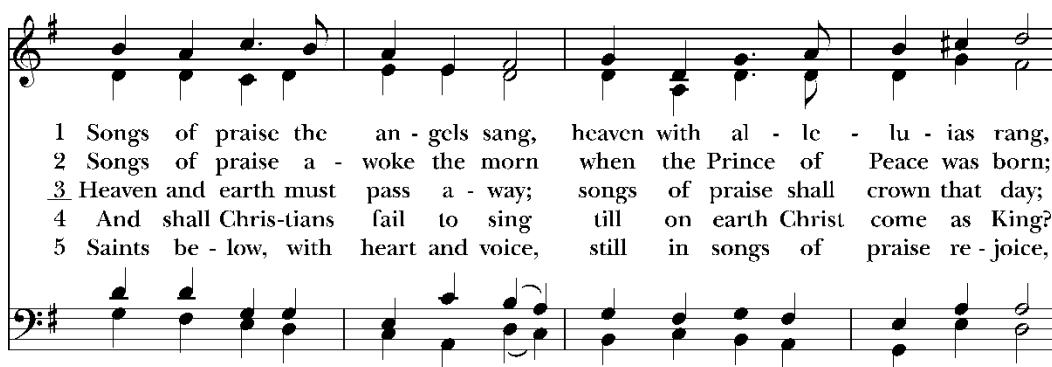
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Audrey Adair, Flutist and Dan Wicks, Clarinetist

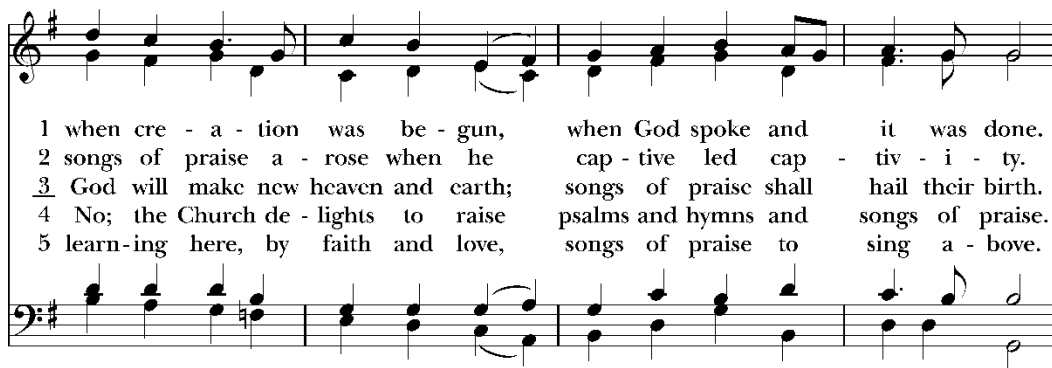
Procession

Songs of Praise the Angels Sing

#426 Hymnal 1982



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, heaven with al - le - lu - ias rang,
 2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;
 3 Heaven and earth must pass a - way; songs of praise shall crown that day;
 4 And shall Chris-tians fail to sing till on earth Christ come as King?
 5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise re - joice,



1 when cre - a - tion was be - gun, when God spoke and it was done.
 2 songs of praise a - rose when he cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
 3 God will make new heaven and earth; songs of praise shall hail their birth.
 4 No; the Church de - lights to raise psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
 5 learn-ing here, by faith and love, songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,
 songs of praise shall conquer death;
 then, amidst eternal joy,
 songs of praise their powers employ.

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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. 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 continues the vocal line with "you are wor - thy of praise." and the piano accompaniment. The third system shows the piano accompaniment alone, consisting of four measures of chords in the right hand and bass notes in the left hand.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Job 38:1-7

A reading from the Book of Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 104 responsively by half verse*)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *

and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *

and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *

so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
**in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

37b Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

The Servants Well-pleasing to God 1,2 / 3

#144 Voices Found

1 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ re - spond with - out
2 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ live not for the
3 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ know he will sup -

think - ing of self, _____ but joy - ful - ly give from the
praise of the world, _____ but give in re - sponse to God's
ply all their needs; _____ and when they will faith - ful - ly

heart _____ and make no de - mands in re - turn. _____
love, _____ which they, un - de - serv - ing, re - ceived. _____
tithes _____ he'll give them a - bun - dance be - side. _____

Refrain

Lord, when did we see you hun - gry, im - pris - oned, lone - ly or

na - ked, in need of a friend? "What - ev - er you've done for

one of these oth - ers, in truth you have done it for me."

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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 for Colin Regan, Becky Ventorini, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Bruce and Rita Allan, Jeff and Nellis Crigler, Brad and Cindy Hargroves, 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, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bill, Barbara, Andrew, Malcolm, Tony, Emily, Betsy and Michael, Melissa, Cassandra, Anne, Chuck, Andy, those affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton**, 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 Lyle and Marilyn Hileman, the two victims of the East Troublesome wildfire in Colorado, on the four year anniversary of their death, 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.

Stewardship Kickoff

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

From the Rising of the Sun

Gore Ousley

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
my name shall be great, shall be great, among the Gentiles,
and in every place, and in every place,
incense shall be offered up unto, unto my name:

for my name shall be great among the heathen,
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord, thus saith the Lord.

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.

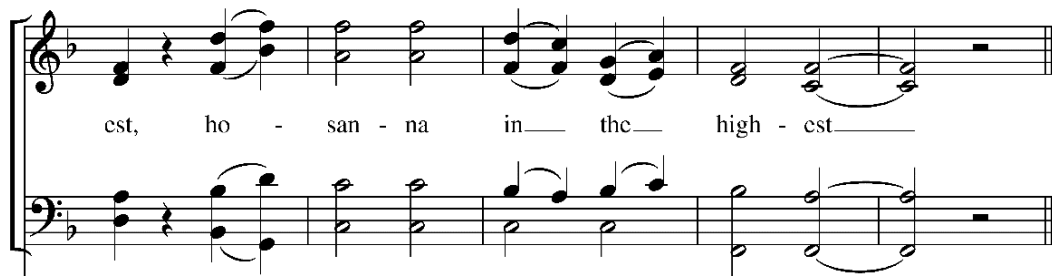
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -



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 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.

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

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 *Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants* #782 **Wonder, Love, and Praise**

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

 show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Improvisations on *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Deacon	Rev. Mary Cushing
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Anne Spear
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Louise Armitage
Lector / Intercessor	Debby Reed
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Louise Armitage
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Usher	Becky Ventorini
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Audrey Adair
Counters	Lynne Montgomery

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.



Great Pumpkins for Good Causes

The Pumpkin Patch is now open through October 31st

Sales are running about the same as last year – but since we opened earlier we are a little ahead. And thanks to our mega-donor, we have already raised over \$3000 to donate to our mission partners (SHARE (McLean food bank), Falls Church/McLean Children’s Center, Second Story, and the FACETS Hypothermia Program)

Please volunteer to help 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>

What do we do with our leftover Pumpkins? They are donated to Rikki’s refuge.

Adult volunteers needed to supervise local 8th graders loading the truck.

Saturday November 2nd. 9:30AM until NOON.

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 reload day that are even less strenuous – check-in, hospitality etc. Please email me at tobygbush@hotmail.com if you’d like to help



Welcome to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign! We loved the theme of this year's Diocesan campaign. Welcoming is something that St. Thomas does very well.

Pledge campaign letters and cards went out this week. Please let Rishabh in the office or a member of the Stewardship team know if you do not receive this important information in the next few days.

Thank you to the Vestry and Clergy for their leadership during Stewardship season. Each and every one of them has pledged already in support of St. Thomas. We are well on our way to reaching our twin campaign targets (pledges totaling \$410,000 and 70 pledgers). Progress updates can be seen on the hymn boards in church!

I hope that you will be able to join them and make a pledge to support our church and community.

Please consider your pledge prayerfully between now and Ingathering Sunday, November 17th when we will celebrate the pledges that we have received during the Bishop's visit.

At any point, please feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship committee if you have any questions about the pledge campaign.

Thank you for your support!

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PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

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

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