



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-third Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

October 27, 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

Ye Servants of God

#535 Hymnal 1982

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 42:1-6, 10-17

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven

sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 34 responsively by half verse*)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *

let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *

and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *

and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *

happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O Bless the Lord My Soul 1,2,3 / 4,5

#411 Hymnal 1982

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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; 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 Katie Ryder, Fred Young and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Cleta and Ray Raymond, 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, Grace, 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 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 Moment

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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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:
<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

Offertory Anthem

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Robert Powell

Give to the winds your fears,
Have hope, be not dismayed,
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head.

Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears the way;
Wait his own time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command,
So shalt you, wondering, own that way,
How wise, how strong his hand!

On God the Lord rely,
And safe shall you go on;
On God's work fix your steadfast eye;
So shall your work be done.

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-

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to

reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

The musical score is written in 3/8 time. The top staff is a single melodic line for the voice, starting with a rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef, featuring chords and moving lines in both hands.

Fine Verses

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

All repeat Antiphon

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

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

We offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately.

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.

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

#764 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord, O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

- His praise shall al - ways be on my
- To - geth - er let us all praise his
- You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; name. ask. my soul I called Taste shall the and

glo - ry in the Lord; for
 Lord and he an - swered me; from
 see that God is good; in

he has been so good to me.
 all my trou - bles he set me free.
 him we need put all our trust.

D.C.

Words: James E. Moore, Jr., para. of Psalm 34. Music: James E. Moore, Jr. Copyright © 1992 GIA Publications Inc.

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.**

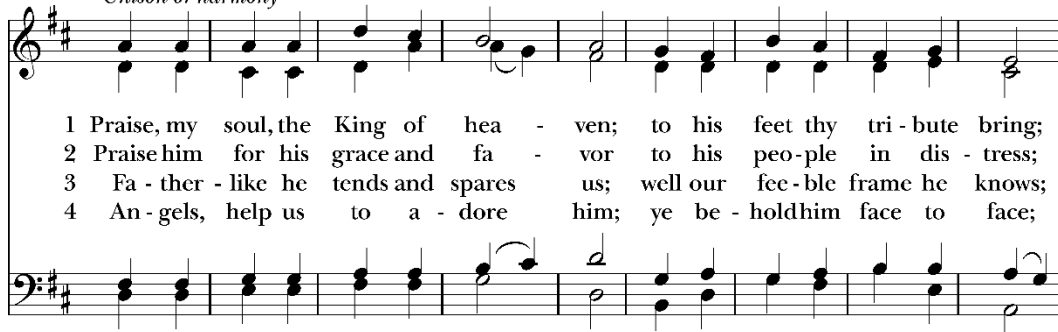
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Recessional Hymn

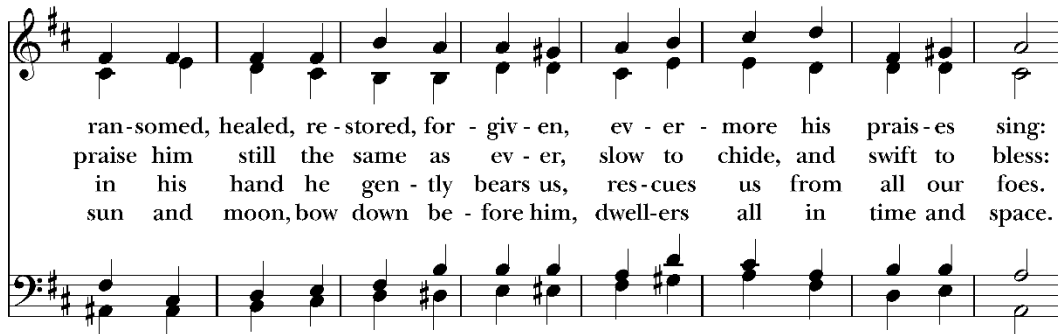
Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

#410 Hymnal 1982

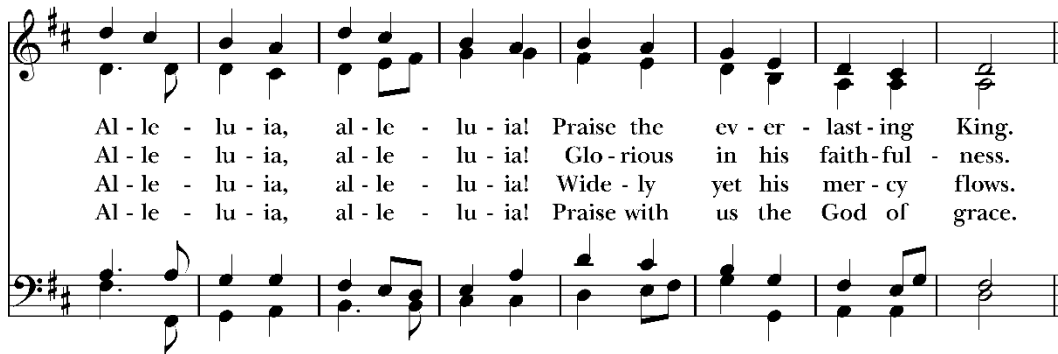
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

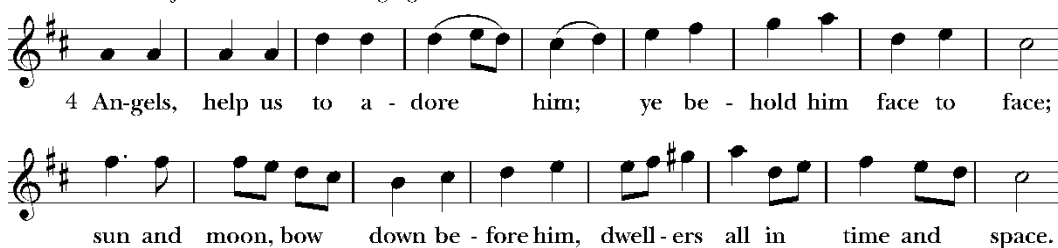


ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Deacon	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Barbara Wicks
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Melinda Fairchild
Lector / Intercessor	Louise Armitage
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Steve Wickman
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Usher	Rick Montfort
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Mary Lee Montfort
Counters	Jim 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

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



Sunday Oct 27th

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

We hope you received your pledge campaign letter and card this week. Please let Rishabh in the office or a member of the Stewardship team know if you did not receive this important information.

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.

Pledge cards can be returned in the mail or by dropping in the offertory plate. Even better is to take a photo of your completed card and email that to Rishabh

Entering your own pledge online is not currently working if you try accessing via the internet. However, the ChMS app DOES support online pledging. If you did not receive instructions about pledging via the app please contact Rishabh (parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org).

Thank you for your support!

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& Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith (fran.gardnersmith@stthomasmcleanva.org)

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 October 27th, 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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St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch!

Our 17th annual pumpkin patch is open through October 31st! Great pumpkins for good causes. We are seeking volunteers to sell pumpkins in two hour shifts. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>

Also let Toby know if you are able to help with reload on Saturday, November 2nd. Please see the bulletin for all the details.

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You Welcomed Me

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is here! Pledge campaign letters and cards went out this week, and we will celebrate Pledge Ingathering on November 17th during the Bishop's Visit. Please see the bulletin for more information.

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Thanksgiving Bags for Second Story

Please pick up a bag in the Narthex and fill it with the items on the flyer. Filled bags must be returned by November 20th. You can also make donations online until November 19th and we'll do the shopping.

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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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Election Eve Prayer Vigil

Monday, November 4th at 7:30 pm

Join us on Zoom. We'll pray for the election, for the candidates, for those working the election, and for our nation. Email the office for the Zoom link.

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Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, November 6th 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 Anne Spear to sign up. The address will be given to volunteers. There will be no event in December.

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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Pints with Doubling Thomas

Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. We will continue learning about and discussing how we interpret scripture. This time, we will talk about how the canon was determined and what was left out.

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Women Gathering Zoom Meetup

Thursday, November 14th at 4:30 pm

Join us as Rev. Fran leads a discussion of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. You can prepare by reading:

- "The Well"
- Chapter 2: "Deliverance Stories."

The book is available on AMAZON in paperback, e-book, and audiobook.

For more details, contact Betsy eheilman2003@yahoo.com or for the ZOOM link, contact Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com

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This Week

Monday October 28th

11:15 am – Lunch Bunch at Honeygrow
12 noon – Noonday Prayer
7 pm – Vestry Meeting

Tuesday October 29th

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday October 30th

10 am – Staff Meeting
12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Thursday October 31st

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Friday November 1st

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday November 2nd

9:30 am – Pumpkin Reload

Sunday November 3rd

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – All Saints Day Worship