



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.

All Saints' Day



Giusto de' Menabuoi, Paradise, ca. 1378. Dome fresco, Padua Baptistry, Italy.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
November 3, 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. Fran Gardner-Smith

Prelude

Remembrance

Robert Schumann

Procession

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

#618 Hymnal 1982

Unison



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.

disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 24 (*We will pray Psalm 24 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

#293 Hymnal 1982



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
hund-reds of thou-sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

The Gospel

John 11:32-44

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Will Drosos

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; for all bishops and other ministers; for Fran, Will, Caroline, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; for 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 Betsy Reddaway, Dolly Mastrangelo, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Janette and Alan Thode, Melinda and David Fairchild, 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, Anatoliy, Mark, Laura**, 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.

I ask your prayers for the departed who have died since last All Saints Day: Jim Galloway, Donna Berlage, Margaret Heyn, Peter Reddaway, and Chris Cabell. And we invite you to name aloud those whom you love who have died since last All Saints Day *[pause]*. We pray also for Joy Stevenson, wife of Bishop Mark Stevenson, who died on Wednesday morning. 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.

Altar of Remembrance

You are invited to bring a photo or small memento of your loved one(s) and come forward, name your loved one, and place their photo on the Altar of Remembrance. We also have colored paper and markers in the narthex for you to use to write the names of your loved one(s), if you did not bring something with you. During the remembrance time, Audrey Adair and Walt Lazear will play a recorder and hammered dulcimer duet entitled "Trust in the Lord" inspired by Proverbs 3:5-16.

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

Offertory Anthem

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Stephan Casurella

Refrain

Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, Coming for to carry me home,
A band of angels coming after me, Coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

If you get there before I do, Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming, too, Coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

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.

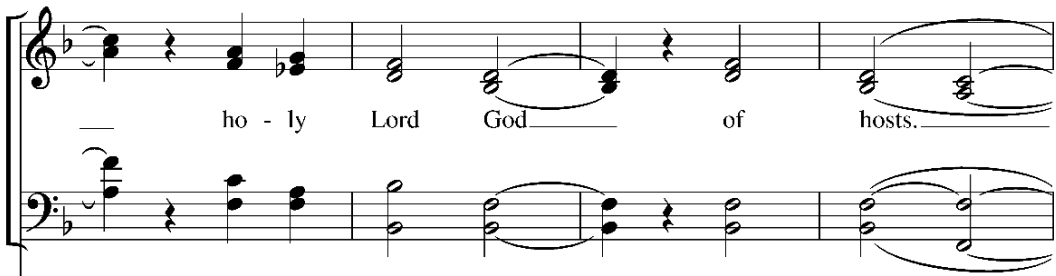
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

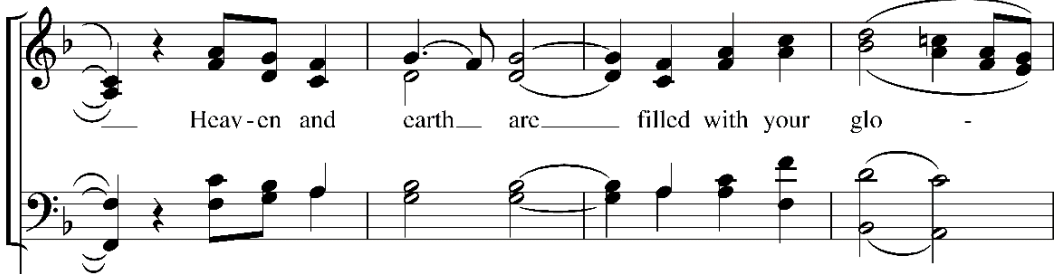
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: #255 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

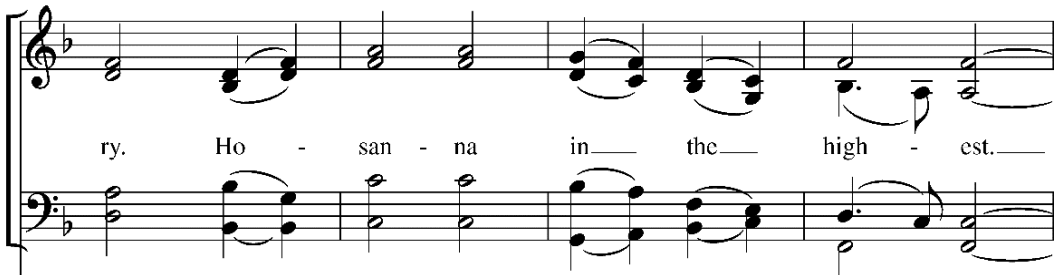
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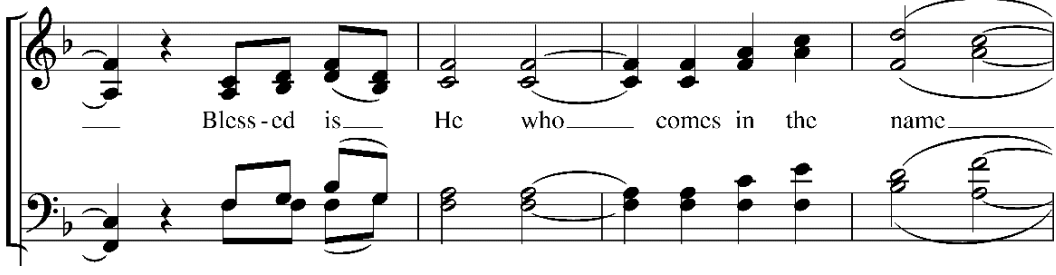
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



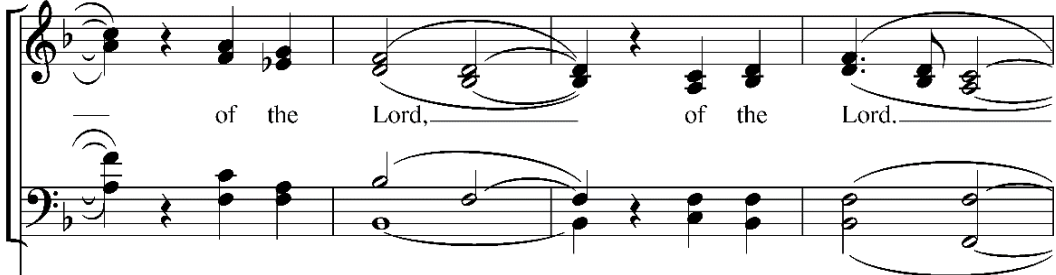
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -



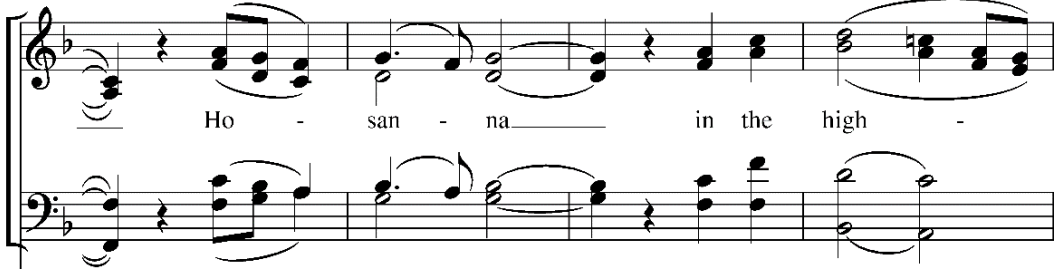
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



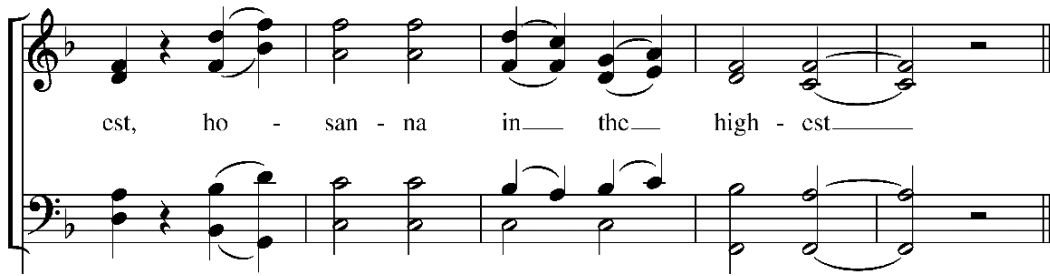
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name



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.

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

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

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

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

Communion Hymn

Litany for the Sisters of Christ

#12 Voices Found

Refrain
Dm Gm Am9 Dm

Be your names re - mem-bered in the heart of God.

Bb Gm Am9 Dm *Fine*

Be your names re - mem-bered in the heart of God.

Verses
Dm G Em7b5 Dm/A A7 Dm

1 Sis - ters of the Christ, you who nursed the truth,
2 Wo - men at the birth, wo - men at the death,
3 You who stood the fire, sis - ters drowned and hung,
4 You who taught the Word, preached in for - eign tongues,
5 You who lived the creeds, you who kept the hearth,
6 You who cher - ish life, strug - gle on for peace,

Bb F Em7b5 A7 *D.C. al Fine*

gave him to be blessed, wrapped him in your love:
you who washed the bo - dy found the Je - sus life:
witch-es you were named, mar - tyrs you have died:
cried a - loud at war, sang in pris - on cells:
laid in qui - et graves, nev - er giv - en praise:
e - qual as dis - ci - ples, wo - man-spir - it strong:

D.C. al Fine

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

For All the Saints

#287 Hymnal 1982



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 *6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are
 war-riors com-eth rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

strong.
 blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the
 *8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-ccean's far-thest coast, through

saints tri-umph-ant rise in bright ar-ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host.

King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional (Dan Wicks, Clarinet)

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Deacon	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear
Children’s Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Jane Frierson
Lector / Intercessor	Ed Rhodes
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Scott Johnston
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Usher	Jan Hamilton
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Chuck & Jan Grimes
Counters	Ed Rhodes & Lynne Montgomery

NOVEMBER VESTRY PERSON

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.



Sunday November 3rd

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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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 November 3rd, 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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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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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.

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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. Please bring items to donate for the sale to church for pricing now through mid November. All the proceeds are given to charitable organizations. Questions? Contact the ECW at ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org

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Pints with Doubting 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.

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 ehelman2003@yahoo.com

or for the ZOOM link, contact

Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com

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ECW Book Group

Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm

Join us in Hudson Hall. The book will be *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. BYO drinks and snacks. Email the office for the Zoom link to join online.

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Shakespeare Opera Theatre:

La Vie de Bohème

December 6th thru 15th

Puccini's soaring melodies mingle with Murger's brilliant storytelling, bringing to life the famously spirited Bohemians of the Latin Quarter. Encounter laughter, love, and a dash of drama, perfect for a family holiday outing or a whimsical date night. Enjoy table seating at our own Café Momus, and savor the best atmosphere and 'pub grub' that Paris has to offer, along with traditional Christmas treats! All performances are in Hudson Hall at St. Thomas. For details and to get tickets, visit <https://shakespeareoperatheatre.com/>

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This Week

Monday November 4th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

2 pm – Silent Book Club

7:30 pm – Election Eve Prayer Vigil

Tuesday November 5th

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday November 6th

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Thursday November 7th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 8th

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday November 9th

7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast

Sunday November 10th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship