



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-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Joseph Matthew Cuomo
Evan Jude Ingraham
William Michael Regan
Emily Rosalee Upp

And First Communion of:
Ava Christina Johnston
Liam Declan Johnston

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
November 17, 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

Jesus, Jesus Keep Me Near Thee

Original Composition by Audrey Adair

Audrey Adair, Flutist and Dan Wicks, Clarinetist

Procession

The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

#462 Hymnal 1982

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.
 2 and jus - tice, from her heav - en - ly bower, look down on us be - low.
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647).

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 1:4-20

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Song of Hannah

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

**My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.**

“There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

**Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

**The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

**The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.**

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

**“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.**

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:11-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn can be found on Page 6

Sequence Hymn

Signs of Ending All Around Us

#721 Wonder, Love, and Praise

(Verses 1-2 before the Gospel, Verse 3 after the Gospel)

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944). Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

The Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. James Joseph "Bud" Shand

The Confirmation

Joseph Matthew Cuomo

Evan Jude Ingraham

William Michael Regan

Emily Rosalee Upp

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters **We present Joseph, Evan, William, and Emily for Confirmation.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers: **Ethan, Vincent, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bill, Barbara, Andrew, Grace, Andrew, Malcolm, Tony, Emily, Betsy and Michael, Melissa, Cassandra, Anne, Andy, those affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, Anatoliy, Laura, Jan, Tom, Scott, Vera,** and those whom you would name [*pause*]. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, especially Vernon Sidler, Grandfather of Caroline Mitchell's wife Britt, who died on Monday, and Peter Reddaway, whose funeral will be held at St. Thomas next Saturday, and those whom you would name [*pause*]. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all the blessing of this life, including Gig Mikell, Becky SuPrise, and Alexander Walter as they celebrate their birthdays this week, and for Dorene and Paul Ryder as they celebrate their wedding anniversary, and those blessings you would name [*pause*]. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Blessing of the Pledges

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>.

All loose plate offerings and donations given today will go to Bishop Stevenson's discretionary fund. Please give generously.

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Ned Tipton

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be my battle shield, sword for the fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower,
Raise Thou me heavenward. Power of my power.

Riches I heed not nor the world's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It begins with a piano introduction consisting of four measures. The first system of the Sanctus features a vocal line with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with "ho - ly Lord God of hosts." and the piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand.

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

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.

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, _____ We have come in - to His house and
2. wor - ship Him, _____ So for - get a - bout your - self and
3. wor - ship Him, _____ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; _____ We have
2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; _____ So for -
3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; _____ Let us

1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ _____ the Lord. _____

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.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

O God of Every Nation

#607 Hymnal 1982

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Improvisations on *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. James Joseph "Bud" Shand
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith & The Rev. Will Drosos
Deacon & Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Susan Cowart
Altar Guild	Ed Rhodes
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Jeff Crigler
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Lector / Intercessor	Debby Reed
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Debby Reed & Beth Clarke
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.



Sunday November 17th

You Welcomed Me.

I hope that everyone who reads this has experienced the true warmth of a St. Thomas welcome.

We also hope that you received your pledge campaign letter and card. Please let Rishabh in the office or a member of the Stewardship team know if you did not receive these mailings.

Thank you to the Vestry and Clergy for their leadership during Stewardship season and thank you to all who have pledged to support 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. As of this past Friday, we are over 90% of the way to our goal with 57 pledges totaling \$384,090.

Today, we will celebrate the pledges that we have received so far with Bishop Shand. But there is still time to make a pledge!

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

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 17th, 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 continues! Today, we will celebrate Pledge Ingathering, but there is still time to make a pledge and support St. Thomas. 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, November 18th at 11:15 am

Anita's Mexican Restaurant
521 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA.

<https://www.anitascorp.com>

If you run late, please text
Audrey at (813) 956-7550
Or Tricia at (571) 244-3142

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ECW Book Group

Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm

Join us in the Parlor. 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 spirited Bohemians of the Latin Quarter. Perfect for a holiday family outing or whimsical date night. Cabaret seating at our own Café Momus. Savor the best atmosphere and 'pub grub' that Paris has to offer plus traditional holiday treats. All performances are in Hudson Hall at St. Thomas. For details and to get tickets, visit <https://shakespeareoperatheatre.com/>

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ECW Treats and Treasures Sale

This week is the last week to bring donations to church for the Annual Treats and Treasures Sale. *Continued on back...*

The Annual Treats & Treasures Sale will follow the 10 am service on December 8th with a possible clearance sale the following week. All the proceeds are given to charitable organizations. Questions? Contact the ECW at ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org

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Pints with Doubling Thomas

We will not be meeting on November 27th, please join us on December 11th at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons.

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Women Gathering Zoom Meetup (the 2nd Thursday of each month)

Thursday, December 12th 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 Walls
- Chapter 3: "War Stories"

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

For more details, contact Betsy ehelman2003@yahoo.com Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com for the ZOOM link

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Most Needed Items for SHARE

Find the current list on our website:



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This Week

Monday November 18th

11:15 am – Ladies Lunch Bunch
12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday November 19th

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist
7 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Wednesday November 20th

10 am – Staff Meeting
12 noon – Noonday Prayer
7 pm – SOT Rehearsal
7:30 pm – ECW Book Group

Thursday November 21st

12 noon – Noonday Prayer
7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 22nd

7 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Saturday November 23rd

11 am – Peter Reddaway's Funeral Service
4 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Sunday November 17th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
3 pm – SOT Rehearsal