



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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Resurrection Icon

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 18, 2025

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

Morning Has Broken

#8 Hymnal 1982

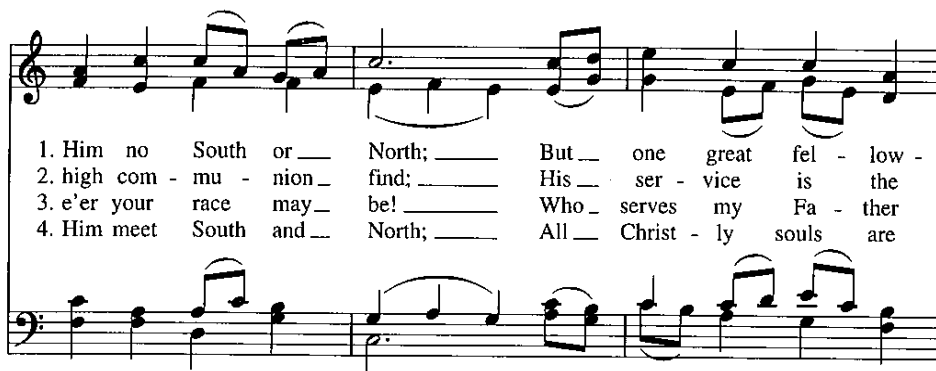
Procession

In Christ There Is No East or West

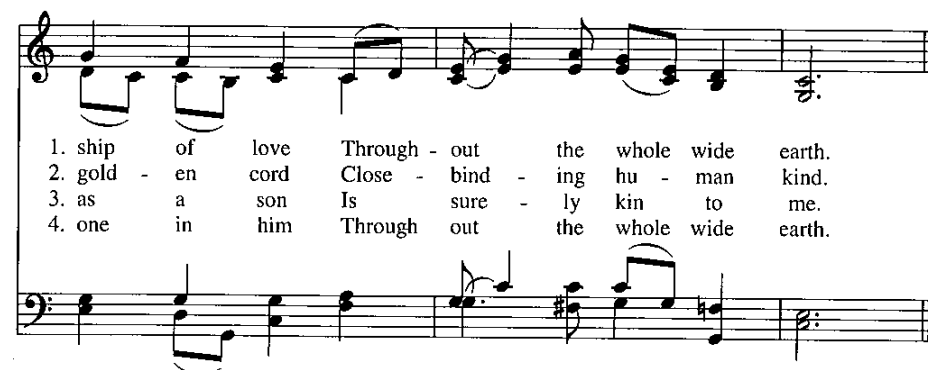
#62 Lift Every Voice and Sing II



1. In _____ Christ there is no _____ East or West, In
 2. In _____ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
 3. Join _____ hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What
 4. In _____ Christ now meet both East and West, In



1. Him no South or _____ North; _____ But _____ one great fel - low -
 2. high com - mu - nion _____ find; _____ His _____ ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race may _____ be! _____ Who _____ serves my Fa - ther
 4. Him meet South and _____ North; _____ All _____ Christ - ly souls are



1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

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The Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Song of Praise

Alleluia, alleluia!

#191 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (*We will pray Psalm 148 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Revelation to John.

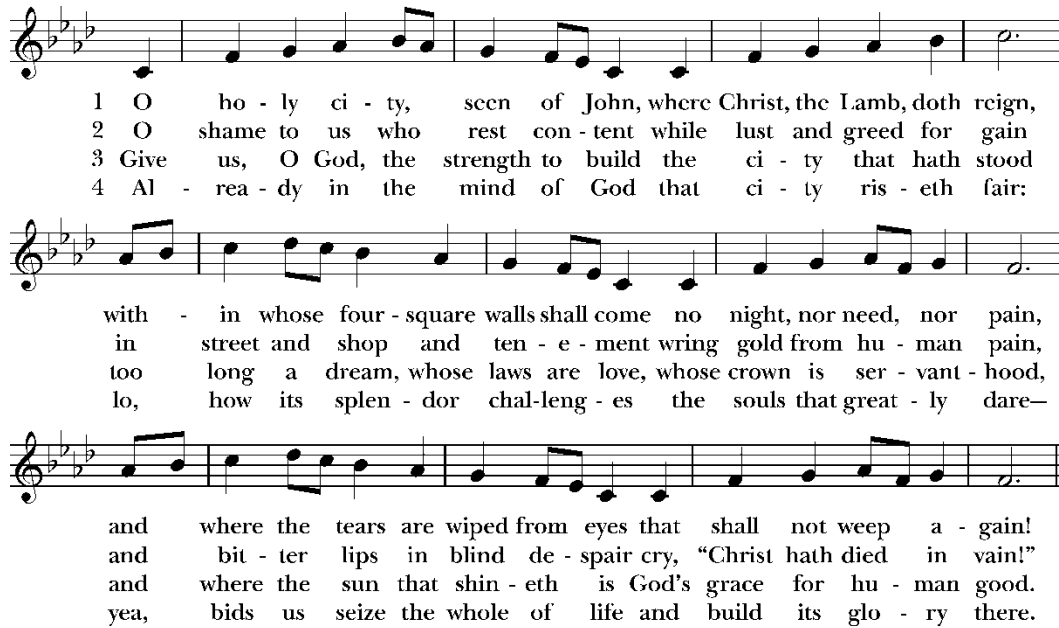
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"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. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn***O Holy City, Seen of John 1,2 / 3,4*****#583 Hymnal 1982**

1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:

with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—

and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

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The Gospel**John 13:31-35**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon****Ms. Beth Clarke****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

Kneeling as you are able, in joy and hope, let us pray to God.

That our risen Savior may fill the church with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Caroline, Lori, Rishabh, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Beth, our Seminarian; the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

We are all one church united in prayer; we pray for all those who are isolated and persecuted; we name truth in the face of lies; we create room for grief in the face of denial; and we free space in our souls for hope. We seek God's guidance to ground us in all discernment. We pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, especially all those in positions of public trust, Donald, our president, Glenn, our Governor, the officials of Fairfax County, and those whom you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That by God's power, war and famine may cease through all the world, especially in those places you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will reveal the light of his presence to those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Yusuf, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Andrew, Jan, Caroline, Jackie, Betsy, Enriqo, Karen, Tricia, Cathy, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Dani, Sean, Bill,** and those

whom you would name *[pause]*, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to Jesus' promise, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially those whom you would name *[pause]*, we pray:

Hear our prayer.

We name these blessings: KP Reed and all those celebrating birthdays this week; Mary Lee and Rick Montfort, Nici and Toby Bush, Tricia and Skeets Meyer, Edward Caine and Susan Power, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and all those blessings you would name *[pause]*. In the name of the risen Christ, we give thanks: **Alleluia!**

Holy God, send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from Common Worship – Church of England by The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Following the exchange of peace in the church, peace is exchanged with the congregation on Zoom.

The Offertory

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*



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

Offertory Anthem*When I Can Read My Title Clear***Lori Larson**

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to every fear and wipe my weeping eyes.

I feel like, I feel like I'm on my journey home.

I feel like, I feel like I'm on my journey home.

Should earth against my soul engage, and fiery darts be hurled,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning world. Refrain

Let care, like a wild deluge come, let storms of sorrow fall,
So I but safely reach my home, my God, my heaven, my all. Refrain

There I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest;
and nor a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast. Refrain

My home. I'm on my journey home.

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

Gluten free wafers are available on request. We will not have a healing minister during communion, but if you desire prayers for healing, you can see Rev. Will, Rev. Caroline, or Beth after church.

The Great Thanksgiving**Eucharistic Prayer D**

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus: #858 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your

mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the Choir, and the third for the Congregation & Choir. The fourth and fifth staves are for the Choir and Congregation & Choir respectively. The music is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Come My Way

#487 Hymnal 1982



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sequence Hymn***Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You*****#124 Voices Found**

D G A7 D Bm

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such
6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Em A G D G A7 D

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

Em G A7 D

let you be my ser - vant too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and a gon - y.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**Postlude*****Variations on Duke Street***

Worship Participants

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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 May 18th, 2025



More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

ECW Garden-sharing Plant Sale Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported the ECW Plant Sale last Sunday by sharing their own plants and flowers, by purchasing plants and plant-related gifts. And special thanks to the anonymous donor who matched sales up to \$500! We raised \$1,420 for the St. Thomas Memorial Garden. Wow! And we had a lot of fun, too.

SHARE Garden Update and Invitation

The Share Garden is growing! The potatoes have stalks and are beginning to flower. This should yield spuds for Share later in the summer. Greens---lettuce, arugula, kale and spinach are almost ready for the first harvest. Last Saturday, we planted eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini, okra and string beans for summer harvest. Thank you to all who have helped us so far. We'll need some additional help as the crops mature. Please watch for an announcement regarding some light weeding, harvesting and delivery to Share.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Change of Plans

We'll dine at

Cafesano (next to Red's Table)

Monday, May 19th at 11:15 am

<https://cafesano.com>

South Lakes Village Shopping Center

11130 M South Lakes Drive

Reston, VA 20191

703.391.2100

Please text Audrey if you want to confirm or if you're running late.

audreyadair@gmail.com

or (813) 956-7550

ECW Book Group

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm in Hudson Hall

Join the ECW Book Group for the year-end dinner. Please bring your own meal and if you are able, bring something to share with others (a beverage or dessert). Also bring any books you would like to give away. Note that we are meeting at 6:30 pm - an hour earlier than the usual meeting time. Hope to see you there!

Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. Join us for learning and conversation in a relaxed environment. The first round of drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) is on us!

Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, June 5th at 10am

Join us for the next monthly repackaging meeting at Fairfax diapers. The task is simply repackaging diapers from bulk quantities to household-size bundles to be distributed to needy families. If you are interested, please access the sign up by scanning the QR code below. Questions? Please contact Anne Spear by phone at (703) 915-4300.



Coffee Hour Hosts needed for June and July

Thank you to all that have signed up for coffee hour this year. We are now in need of hosts for Sundays in June and July. Coffee hour sign-ups are available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help! Under our new format, we would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies for our health-conscious and diet-restricted friends. Also, for those of you who are not comfortable making the coffee, you can ask for someone else to make the coffee for you as part of the sign-up process. (Just answer yes or no if you need help.) Thank you for continuing this tradition of Fellowship at St. Thomas! If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Becky Ventorini, Fellowship Hour Coordinator

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Home (703) 288-3166 / Cell: (202) 390-4412

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-52775851-stthomas>



Fundraiser for Shakespeare Opera Theatre

Sunday, June 1st from 4pm to 8pm

Panera Bread

8365 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22180

Our friends at SOT are having a fundraiser at Panera Bread. On Sunday, June 1st, if you eat at the Panera Bread at 8365 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22180 between 4pm and 8pm, 25% of the proceeds will go to Shakespeare Opera Theatre. The information is below. Please note that in order for your purchase to count, you have to use the code "FUND4U" if you order online or at the kiosk, or show the flyer to the cashier if you are ordering at the register.

SHARE Needs for May

Our ministry partner SHARE is always in need of food and personal care items for our neighbors in McLean, Tysons and Pimmit Hills. Visit this link <https://stthomasmcleanva.org/how-we-serve/helping-share>

Or scan the QR code below to see the current list of most needed items



This Week

Monday May 19th

11:15 am – Ladies Lunch Bunch

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

5 pm – Scott Solak Studio Piano Recital

Tuesday May 20th

12 pm – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday May 21st

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – ECW Book Group Year-end Dinner

Thursday May 22nd

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday May 23rd

10:30 am – Early Learning Center Graduation

Sunday May 25th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship