



**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Resurrection Icon

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 25, 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

Fr. Will Drosos

### Introit

*Morning Has Broken*

#8 Hymnal 1982

### Procession

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#400 Hymnal 1982



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



### 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. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

### Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 67** (*We will pray Psalm 67 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Sequence Hymn can be found on Page 6*

## **The Gospel**

## **John 5:1-9**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn**    *Shall We Gather at the River 1,2 / 3,4*    **#141 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the first four verses of 'Shall We Gather at the River'. The second system contains the next four verses. The third system contains the first two verses of 'Lift Every Voice and Sing II'. The fourth system contains the next two verses of 'Lift Every Voice and Sing II'. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line breaks indicated by underscores. The music features a mix of whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; \_\_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; \_\_\_\_\_  
Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Caroline Mitchell**

**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, Katie and Scott** 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 Lily, daughter of Katie and Scott Woodard, granddaughter of Lynne Montgomery, and those whom you would name *[pause]*,  
we pray: **Hear our prayer.**

We name these blessings: all those celebrating birthdays this week; 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**

*If Ye Love Me*

**Thomas Tallis**

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever,  
Even the spirit of truth.

#### **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 flat (B-flat). 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.

Music: Owen Burdick (b. 1954). Copyright © 1997 Trinity Episcopal Church.

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***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***#120 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -



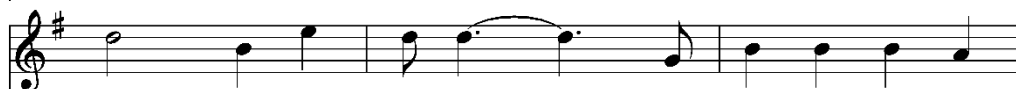
1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know \_\_\_\_\_ that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
3. If you place.

### 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

#### Recessional Hymn

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

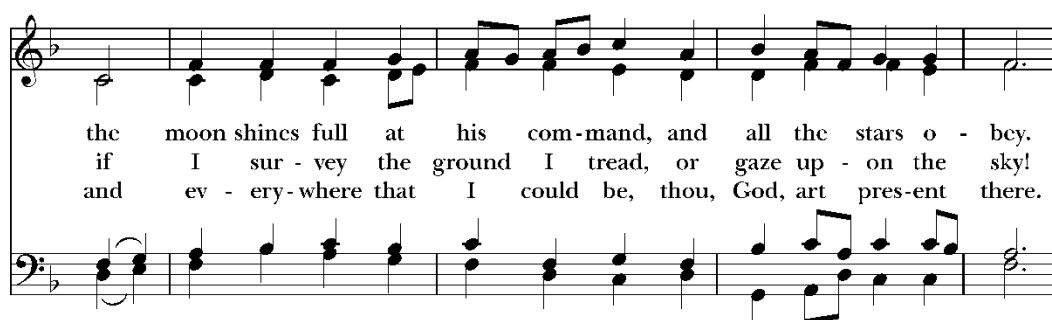
**#398 Hymnal 1982**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

### **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**

Partita on *Moscow*

### **Worship Participants**

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Ed Rhodes
Altar Guild	Ed Rhodes
Flower Guild	Jan Grimes
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Lector & Intercessor	Duane Goddard
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Smith
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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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More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

### Office Schedule This Week

This week, our parish administrator, Rishabh, will be out of town on vacation. Due to Memorial Day and Rishabh's vacation, there will be some changes to the office schedule. The office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (there will be no noonday prayer services on these days). The office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Fr. Will if you have any concerns this week.

### Pints with Doubting Thomas

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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.

### Fundraiser for Shakespeare Opera Theatre

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### St. Thomas ELC Nominated for IPOP Award

Fairfax County Public Schools Inclusive Placement Opportunities for Preschoolers (IPOP) Committee celebrates outstanding programs that create welcoming environments for children with disabilities and their families. We are thrilled to share that the St. Thomas Early Learning Center has been nominated for an IPOP award! Congratulations!

### 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.

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



### Historic Pleasant Grove Annual Open House

Our friends at Historic Pleasant Grove will have their annual open house and museum grand reopening on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Address:

8641 Lewinsville Rd, McLean, VA

### Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:15 am

We'll dine at

**Magnolias Restaurant**

198 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Purcellville, Virginia 20132

Phone: (540) 338-9800

General: [magnolias@magnoliasmill.com](mailto:magnolias@magnoliasmill.com)

Please contact Jane Frierson if you have questions or are running late (703) 536-4490.

After lunch, follow Jane to the stable to visit her horse, Earl – a ten minute drive from Magnolias.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Midweek Eucharist

**Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

**Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

**Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship