



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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

July 13, 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

Prelude

Procession

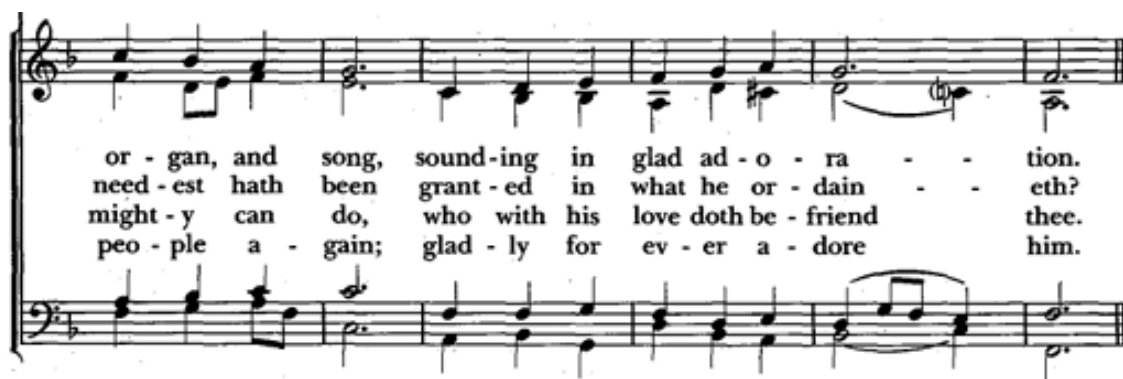
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#390 Hymnal 1982

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;
 harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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The Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God

#S280 Hymnal 1982

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Amos 7:7-17

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has

conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82 (*We will pray Psalm 82 responsively by half verse*)

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Make Me a Blessing 1,2 / 3

#158 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 6/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff.

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life, _____
2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love, _____
3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need, _____

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad; _____
2. Tell of His power to for - give; _____
3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you; _____

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove
 3. Be - to the help - less a help - er in - deed,

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live,
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life May Je - sus shine;

Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray,

Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day.

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. Rishabh Bajekal

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

The prayers of the people is a time for us to come together as we offer our prayers to God. Please offer your own prayers in the pauses, either silently or aloud. Kneeling as you are able, let us pray.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table. We remember our community and its needs *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Mark, 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.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours. We pray for Denton Waits, Scott Johnston, Evan Ingraham, Rachel Montgomery, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Diane and Will Ferris, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for those blessings you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of any kind. Together we pray for **Ethan, Vincent, Yusuf, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Andrew, Jan, Caroline, Jackie, Cathy, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Sean, Bill, Katie and Scott, Bill, Frank, Bridgid, Lorraine, Roger, Christian**, and those whom you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for those who have died. We remember all those whom you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from the Church of England, Common Worship resource, found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-5#mmm260>

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

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

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



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

Offertory Hymn**Lead Us O Father in the Paths of Peace****#703 Hymnal 1982**

Unison or harmony

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;
2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;
3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,
blind - ly we stum - ble when we walk a - lone,
how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;
in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;
through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.
on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.
un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system includes three-part harmony for the first three lines. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The third system continues the melody and bass line. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final cadence.

Words: William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871), alt. Music: *Song 22*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

The Doxology (to the tune of *Old 100th*)**#380 Hymnal 1982**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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 Fr. Will or Rev. Caroline after church.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: #S129 Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

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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:

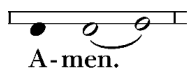
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

People

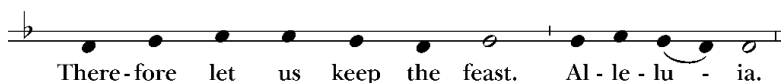
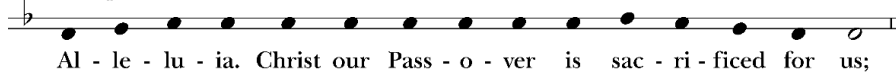


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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: #S152 Hymnal 1982

This setting is not used in Lent.



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

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

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

Communion Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

#304 Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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.

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

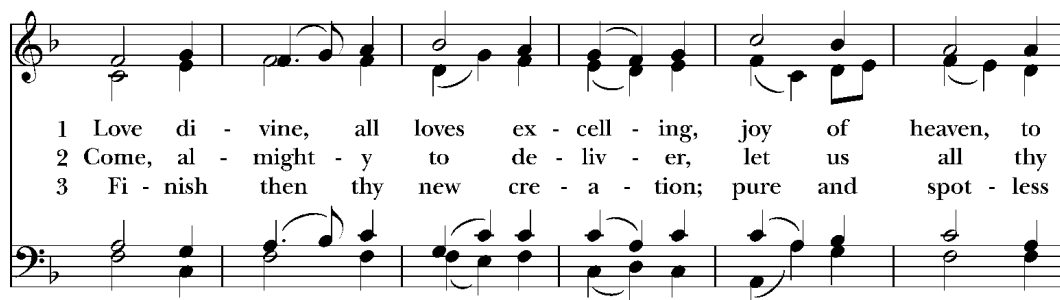
May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

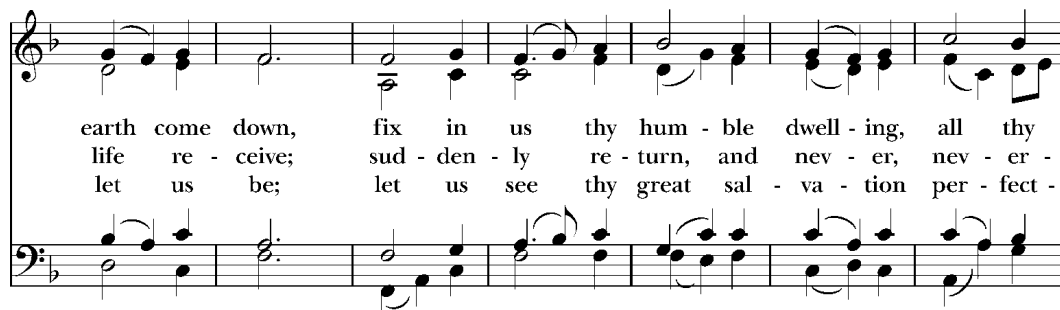
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Recessional Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#657 Hymnal 1982



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rishabh Bajekal
Acolytes	Susan Cowart & Joseph Cuomo
Altar Guild	Susan Cowart
Flower Guild	Louise Armitage
Digital Usher	Bruce Allan
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
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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 July 13th, 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.

2025 Second Story Backpack Drive!

As we do every year, it's time for us to rally and support children whose families need help with supplying what they need to learn successfully this school year. Second Story asks us to fill as many backpacks as we are able with the list of requested supplies below. You can help two ways:

1. Buy and fill one or more backpacks (list of requested supplies below). **Deliver** them to St. Thomas by **Tuesday, July 29**.
2. Donate on the St. Thomas giving page and volunteers will do the shopping. **Donate by Sunday, July 27**.

Each backpack should include: lined paper, spiral notebook or composition book, pens, highlighters, pencils, pencil pouch, crayons, scissors, glue sticks.

Shakespeare Opera Theatre: Romeo and Juliet

There are two more performances at St. Thomas today at 4pm and tomorrow at 7:30, and three performances at Grace Episcopal Church next weekend. Combining the power of Charles Gounod's French opera with the intensity of Shakespeare's play in English, this performance delivers heart-stopping excitement and beauty at every turn. Our general admission table seating (starting 30 minutes before the performance) ensconces you in the action. For tickets and more information, visit the website at the link or by scanning the QR code below:

<https://shakespeareoperatheatre.com/>



We'd like to thank those who donated to the Galloway Fund, including major supporters like Jan and Chuck Grimes, Pat and David Smith, Audrey Adair and Walter Lazear. Their generous gifts made it possible to bring 6 talented performers from all over the US (and one from Sweden!) to McLean for Romeo and Juliet. Please invite all your friends!

Shrine Mont Registration Now Open!

Please scan the QR code below to download the registration form for our annual parish retreat to Shrine Mont September 26-28. There are also physical forms available in the Narthex. Please complete and return to Rishabh in person or by email at rishabh.bajekal@stthomasmcleanva.org by August 17th. Space is limited this year so please register as soon as you can!



SHARE Garden Update and Invitation

The Share Garden yielded its first harvests, with lettuce, kale and spinach being delivered to Share last month. Now that more crops (cucumbers, eggplant, okra, beans, and tomatoes) are ready for harvest, we are asking for volunteers who would be willing to harvest and deliver to Share. We will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to sign up but can't get to the physical sign up sheet, please reach out to Jon Spear by email at jon.spear1@verizon.net or by phone at 571-251-6547.

Game Night July 19th

Don't Miss Another Game Night! Join us Saturday July 19 at 7:00 in Hudson Hall. Bring friends! Make friends! Bring your favorite game! Learn new ones! Bring snacks! Eat snacks!

Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, July 23rd 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! Next time, we will look at the role of the Church in the sacraments.

July Grill Night

Thursday, July 24th at 6:00 pm

Join us in Hudson Hall for one of our favorite summer traditions! Men Eating Breakfast will be running the grill. St. Thomas will provide the main course, and you can bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be vegan options. Bring friends!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, July 28 at 11:15 am (rain date July 29)

RED'S TABLE

11150 SOUTH LAKES DRIVE

SOUTH LAKES SHOPPING CENTER

Afterward, we'll take Walt's water taxi to Audrey and Walt's place for dessert

at 2014 Lakebreeze Way in Reston

Audrey's cell: (813) 956-7550

Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, August 7th 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.



SHARE Needs

Scan the QR code below to see the list of most needed items for our ministry partners at Share



This Week

Sunday July 13th

4 pm – Shakespeare Opera Theatre's Romeo and Juliet

Monday July 14th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7:30 pm – Shakespeare Opera Theatre's Romeo and Juliet

Tuesday July 15th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday July 16th

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Thursday July 17th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Friday July 18th

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday July 19th

7 pm – Game Night

Sunday July 20th

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship