



**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.

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

July 27, 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

*The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow*

#462 Hymnal 1982

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

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

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

### The Acclamation

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and 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  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) on the staves for 'Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther', 'take a - way the sin of the world', and 'you a - lone are the Most High'. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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### **The Collect of the Day**

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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**

#### **Hosea 1:2-10**

A reading from the Prophet Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85** (*We will pray Psalm 85 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**

- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Colossians 2:6-15**

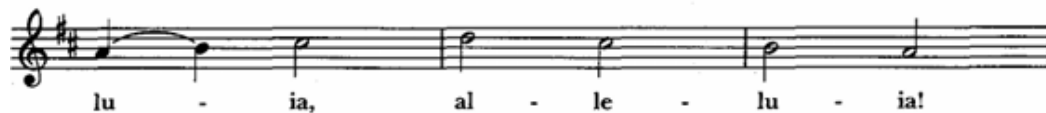
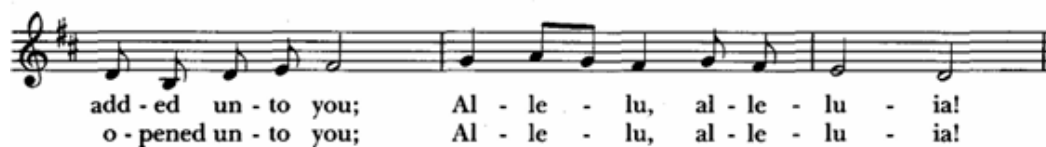
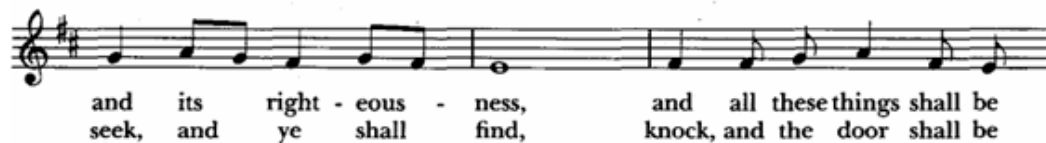
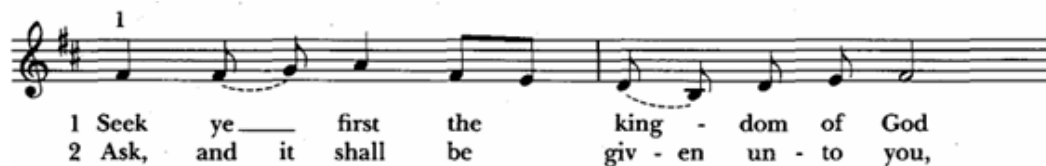
A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel****Luke 11:1-13**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **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**

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 Lucy Chatelain, Diane Ferris, Debby Reed, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Berta and Wade Smith, 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, Chuck, Dani, Doris, Dave**, 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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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:

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

**Offertory Hymn**    *Our Father, Which Is Art in Heaven*    **#264 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

*The music for this hymn can be found in the red "Lift Every Voice and Sing" hymnal  
in the pew rack in front of you*

**The Doxology** *(to the tune of Old 100<sup>th</sup>)*

**#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:

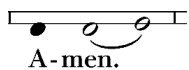
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

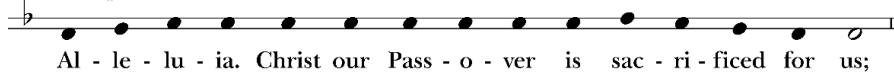
*People*



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.*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom**

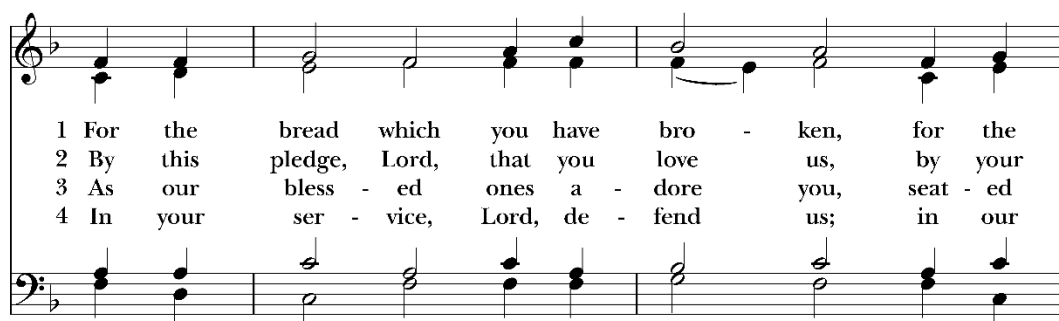
*While some are receiving communion at church, those worshipping on Zoom say the following prayer:*

**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.**

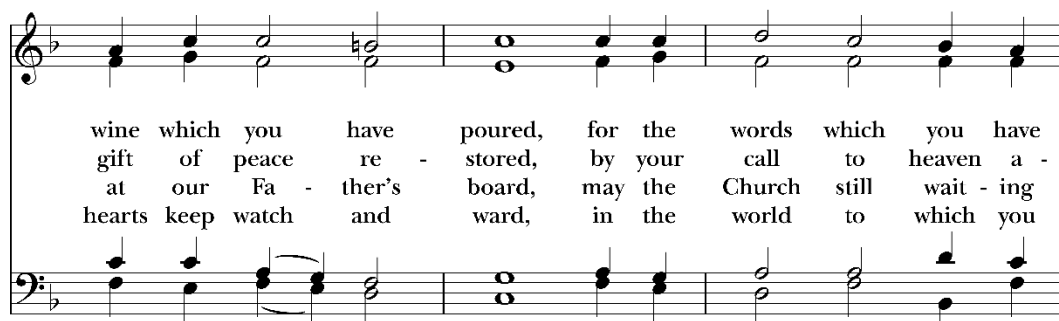
**Communion Hymn**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

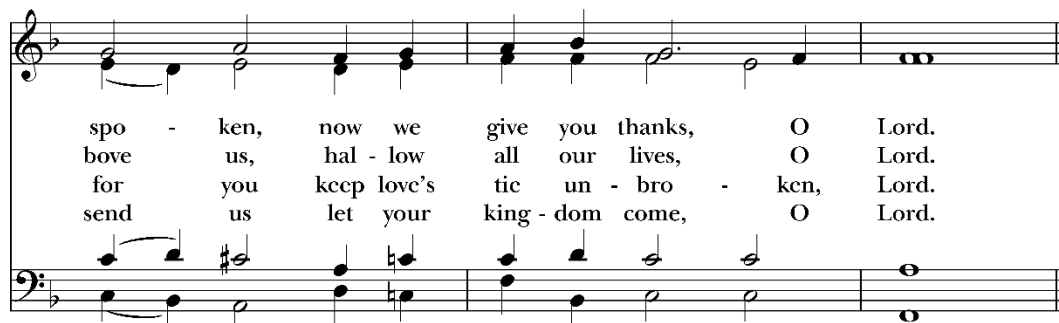
**#341 Hymnal 1982**



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
for you keep love's tic un - bro - ken, Lord.  
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

## 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

### Recessional Hymn

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

**#410 Hymnal 1982**

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains four lines of lyrics, including the 'Alleluia' refrain.

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

#### **Worship Participants**

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolytes	Joseph Cuomo & Will Ferris
Altar Guild	Diane Ferris
Flower Guild	Chris Forward
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walter Lazear
Lector & Intercessor	Cleta Raymond
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Armitage & 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**Rev. Fran returns from sabbatical next Sunday!**  
**Please join us for worship in person or online on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to help us welcome her back.**

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**2025 Second Story Backpack Drive Extended!**  
Virginia tax-free weekend is August 1-3, and we'd like to give you some extra time to take advantage of this while doing your backpack shopping. Please note the modified dates below! 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, August 5<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Donate on the St. Thomas giving page and volunteers will do the shopping. **Donate by Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

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

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### **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

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### **SHARE Garden Weekly Harvest and Delivery**

The Share Garden has been yielding harvests with produce like lettuce, kale and spinach, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, beans, and tomatoes. The potatoes are thriving in advance of a later-summer harvest. You can try your hand at digging up a potato! Now that more crops are ready for harvest, we are asking for volunteers who would be willing to harvest and deliver to Share. Please sign up by scanning the QR code below. If you would like to sign up but have trouble with Sign Up Genius, please reach out to Jon Spear by email at [jon.spear1@verizon.net](mailto:jon.spear1@verizon.net) or by phone at 571-251-6547.



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### **Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers**

**Thursday, August 7<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.



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### **Shrine Mont Registration Ends in Three Weeks!**

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](mailto:rishabh.bajekal@stthomasmcleanva.org) by August 17th. Space is limited this year so please register as soon as you can!



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### **Coffee Hour Hosts needed for Summer and Fall!**

Thank you to all that have signed up for coffee hour this year. We are now in need of hosts for Sundays in this summer and fall. Coffee hour sign-ups are available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, which are on the back of this page. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to 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>



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### **Come to Board Game Night in August**

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

In Hudson Hall. Bring your friends and your favorite games! Strategy games. Games that make you laugh. Word Games. (Even games for people who don't like board games.) Please bring snacks and drinks to share.

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### **Pints with Doubting Thomas**

**Wednesday, August 13<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! Next time, we will continue our focus on the apostolic church and holy orders.

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**Save the date:** The 4th Annual FCIA Interfaith Resiliency Conference will be September 18th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Fairfax Church.

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### **SHARE Needs**

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



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### **This Week**

**Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

**Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

**Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

**Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>**

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

**Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Rev. Fran's first Sunday back!

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship