



**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.

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

August 17, 2025

*Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

### Prelude

### Procession

*Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel*

#574 Hymnal 1982

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Boruniansky (1751-1825).

### The Acclamation

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

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

### Collect for Purity

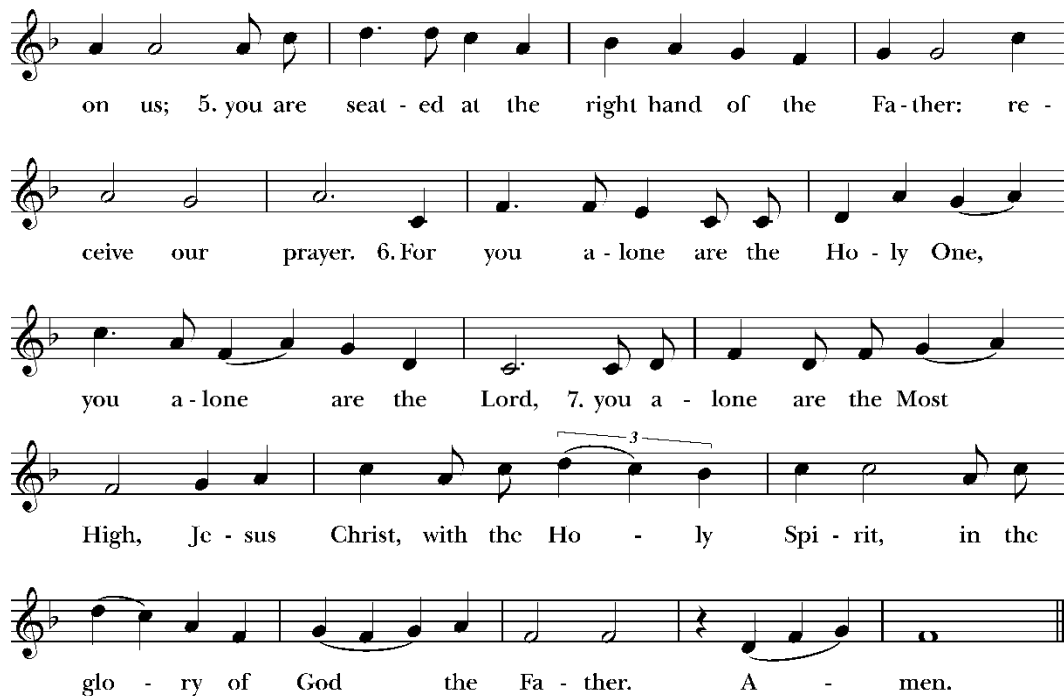
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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



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## **The Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

### **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18** (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 80 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
**you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
**it took root and filled the land.**
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
**and its branches to the River.**
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
**and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*  
**preserve what your right hand has planted.**
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
**at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

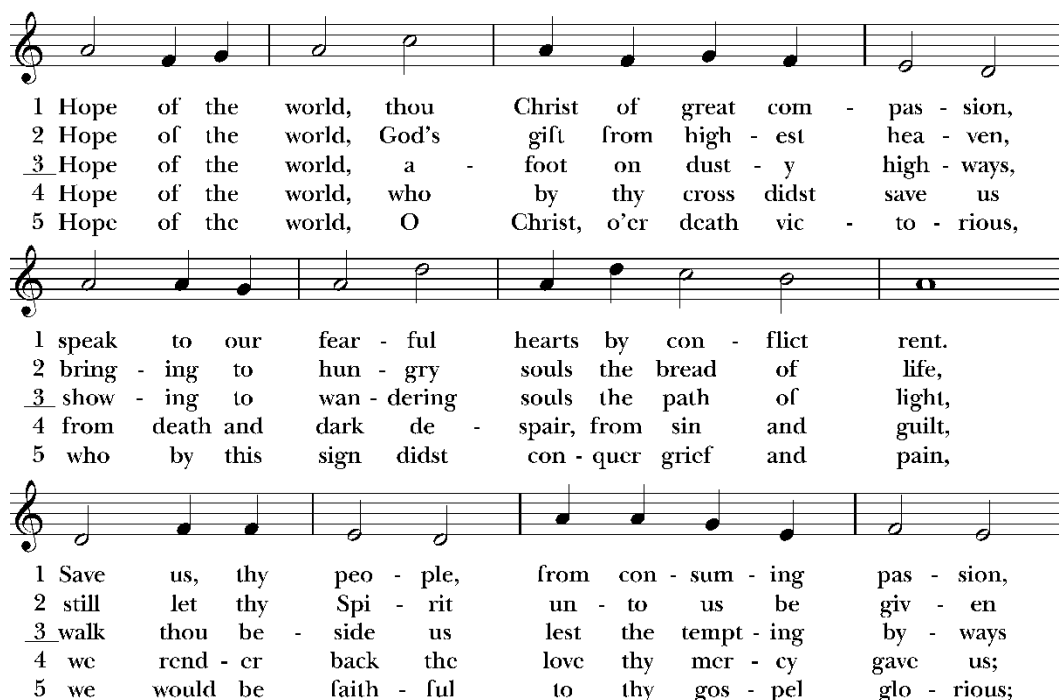
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

*Hope of the World 1,2,3 / 4,5*

**#472 Hymnal 1982**



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
 2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
 3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
 4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
 5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en  
 3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
 5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

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## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 12:49-56**

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 and Anthony, our Seminarians; 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 Father Will, Rick Montfort, Mariko Gardiner, Calina Ryder, Barbara Wicks, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Pat and David 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, Jan, Cathy, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Sean, Bill, Katie and Scott, Bill, Frank, Bridgid, Roger, Christian, Chuck, Dani, Doris, Dave, Anne, John, Skeets,** 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 Fran's friend, The Rev. Beth Phillips, who died in a car accident last Friday; Ken Workman, husband of Deb Workman, Margaret Heyn's daughter, who died on July 16<sup>th</sup>; and 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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**Offertory Anthem****Guide My Feet Lord****#819 Wonder, Love, and Praise**

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).

**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. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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.

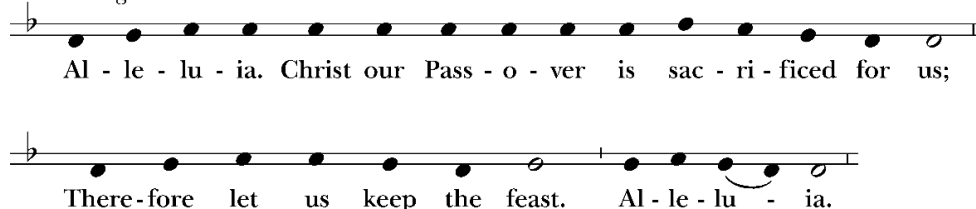
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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: #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

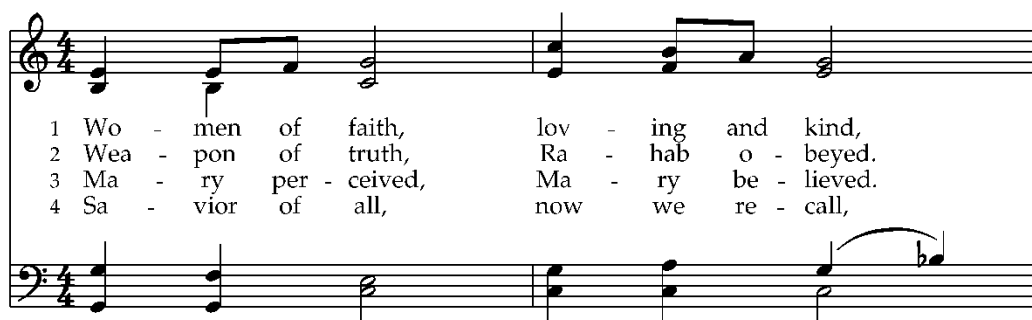
While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

**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

## *Women of Faith*

#26 Voices Found



1 Wo - men of faith, lov - ing and kind,  
2 Wea - pon of truth, Ra - hab o - beyed.  
3 Ma - ry per - ceived, Ma - ry be - lieved.  
4 Sa - vior of all, now we re - call,



gift from the Fa - ther, bold and free. Sent to the need - y,  
Led by the Spi - rit, o - pened wide. Put out the red cord,  
Je - sus a - live, in love re - vealed. Sent to the hearts of  
"Fear not!" with fa - vor, come to us. Lord, we be - lieve you,



wor - ship the ma - jes - ty,  
sign to de - li - ver, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men. *Optional Ending*  
those who be - lieved her. *(After final verse)*  
Lord, we re - ceive you.

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### 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

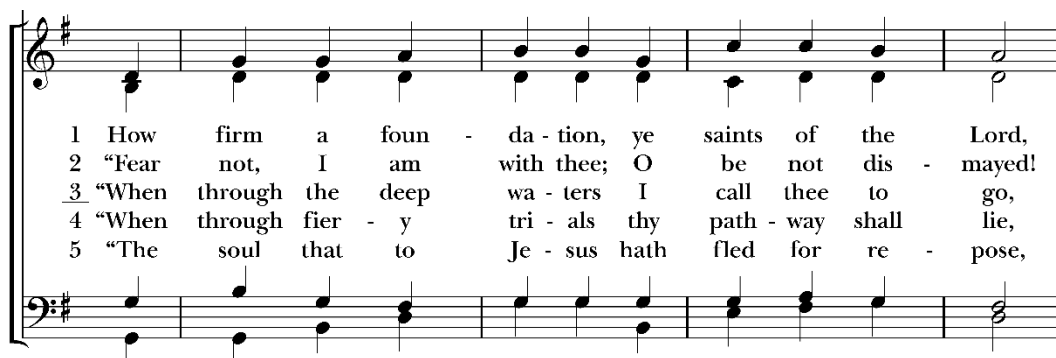
May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Recessional Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

**#637 Hymnal 1982**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

#### **Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Assisting Priest	Fr. Will Drosos
Acolytes	Joseph Cuomo & Ed Rhodes
Altar Guild	Anne Spear
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Lector & Intercessor	Cleta Raymond
Healing Minister	Beth Clarke
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Johnston & Betsy Heilman
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

## ***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 August 17<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.

### Shrine Mont Registration Ends Today

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 17<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited this year so please register as soon as you can!



### August Grill Night

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

### St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Sterling's Annual Benefit Concert & BBQ for Haiti

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Our own Walter Lazear will be performing with his band *Chasing Magic* at 6pm so come out and enjoy some good food and good music to support a good cause! Last year they had a goal of \$27k and actually raised \$55k! For more information, go to <https://www.stmtts.org/haiticoncert>

### 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. 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. Or you can reach out to Jon Spear by email at [jon.spear1@verizon.net](mailto:jon.spear1@verizon.net) or by phone at 571-251-6547.



### Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, August 27<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, our returning seminarian, Beth Clarke, will lead our discussion.

### Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, September 4<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.



### Ladies Lunch Bunch

We are taking a break in August. Join us next month.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am

Patio at Kalypso's Sports Tavern

1617 Washington Plaza N, Lake Anne, Reston

<https://www.kalypsosportstavern.com>

For more information,

email Audrey at [audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjadair@gmail.com)

or text her at (813) 956-7550

### Joy's Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

God willing, the Rt. Reverend E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia, will ordain Kara Louise Laughlin, Anne Kristine Rose, and Joy Yvonne Warburton to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, VA. The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor of your presence. The festal color is red.

### Message from your Music Minister, Dr. Lori Lind

The critical reviews for *Romeo and Juliet* are in, and they are glowing! Opera Today:

<https://operatoday.com/2025/07/shakespeare-opera-theatres-romeo-and-juliet-sumptuous-romance-in-the-heart-of-northern-virginia/>

Operagene: [https://operagene.com/new-blog/2025/7/24/shakespeare-opera-theatres-](https://operagene.com/new-blog/2025/7/24/shakespeare-opera-theatres-romeo-ampjuliet-a-novel-tale-by-two-composers)

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I'd like to thank you all for coming to see the show, and especially those who donated and volunteered to make it happen. We quite literally could not do it without you. Bottomless love to all for the generous use of building space. All four shows at St. Thomas were sellouts. It's my fondest hope that these performances bear much fruit for our church and community. Thank you again for supporting the music ministry and SOT.

### The 4th Annual FCIA (Fairfax County's Faith Communities in Action network) Interfaith Resiliency Conference

Will be September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Fairfax Church, located at 11451 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Hear from an informative keynote speaker and have the opportunity to participate in an emergency response exercise.

### SHARE Needs

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



### This Week

**Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

**Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Early Learning Center Parent Meeting

**Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6 pm – Grill Night

**Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

**Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

2 pm – Funeral Service for Maria Elena Lopez Casanas

**Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship