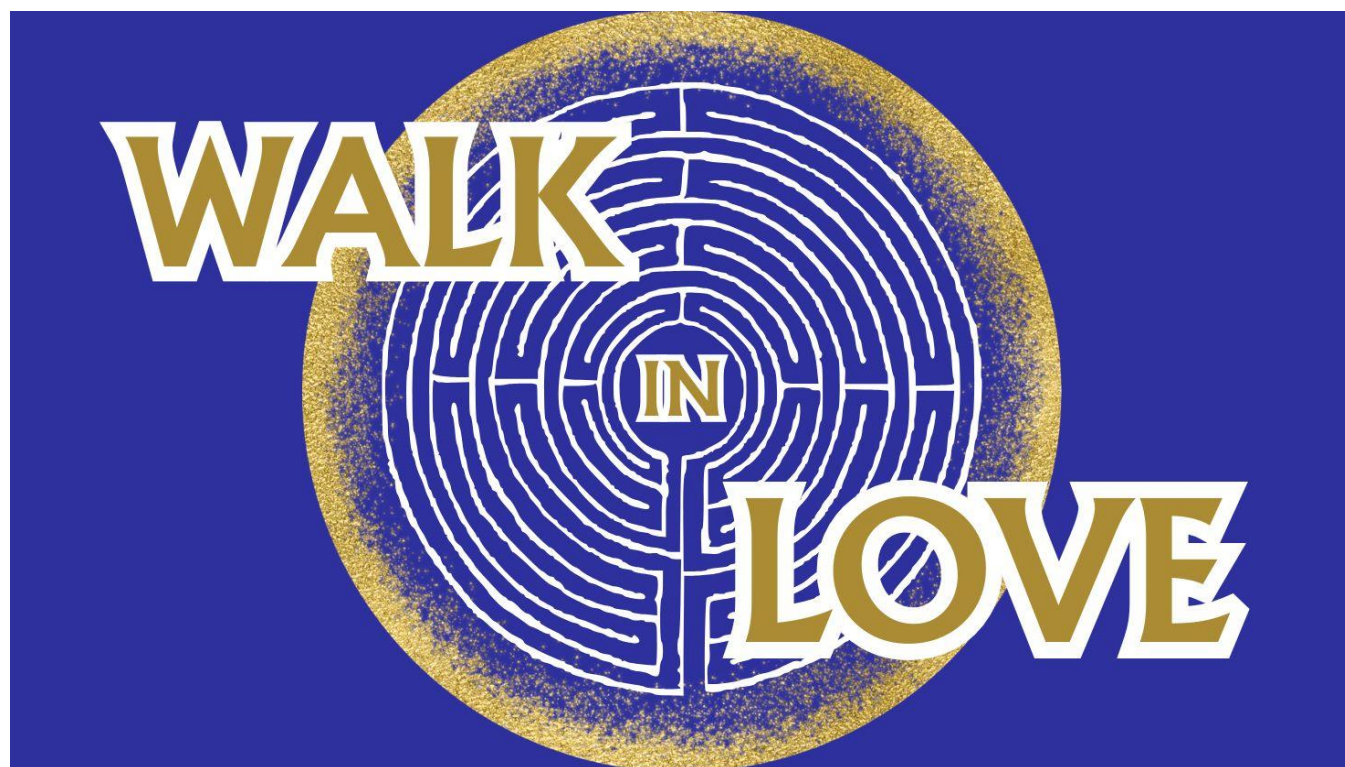




ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

November 9, 2025

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Fr. Will Drosos

Introit

Let All Things Now Living

#107 Voices Found

The musical score is written for a choir and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash-ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be-dient-ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic-ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the
love and re - joic-ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Procession**Praise to the Living God****#372 Hymnal 1982**

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God cre aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

The Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

During the singing of the Gloria, children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Gloria *Glory to God (Canticle 20)*

#900 Wonder, Love, and Praise

This is the vocal line only, please use the green hymnal in the pew rack for the full sheet music

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right
hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
Fa-ther: re-ceive
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, 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 Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

A reading from the Prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 145 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* 1,2 / 3 #196 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The image displays two systems of musical notation for hymns. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The first system is for the hymn 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms', and the second system is for 'Lift Every Voice and Sing II'. Both systems include three numbered verses of lyrics.

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,
 Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he

speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. David Lucey

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.

Let us pray to the Lord. We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church. God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son; bless the leaders of your Church, that they may be faithful and humble before you. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Caroline, David, 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.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding and be open to your word for them.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others and know your healing themselves.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word; and also, open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today, that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you and seek your kingdom *[pause]*. We pray:

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who feel powerless in this world's eyes, that they may be fortified in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, including all those celebrating birthdays this week; all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and all those blessings you would name *[pause]*. We pray:

Jesus, Lord of your Church, we thank you.

Bless those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Lynn, Emily and Dave, Yusuf, John, Jan, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Bill, Katie and Scott, Frank, Christian, Chuck, Dani, Dave, Anne, Skeets, Mariah, Colin, Hilary, Lorain, Debby, Cristina, Wilma, Karen, Steve, Tricia, Danny, Janette, Fran**, and those whom you would name *[pause]*... that they may have comfort and strength for renewal.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless all our partners in mission, especially our siblings in the Diocese of Virginia, that they may have your love and grace as their inspiration.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless all who have died, especially all those whom you would name *[pause]*... that with them, we may praise you on earth and in heaven.

Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Lord of all, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. **Amen.**

Adapted by Beth Clarke from prayers made available by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Together, let us say a prayer for times of conflict.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and

to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 to God. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

Stewardship Moment

The Offertory

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

- *Ephesians 5:2*



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

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, again I say, rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

The Doxology (to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")

#400 Hymnal 1982

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 **EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: #255 Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-

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

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-

est, ho-san-na in the high-est

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Thomas and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

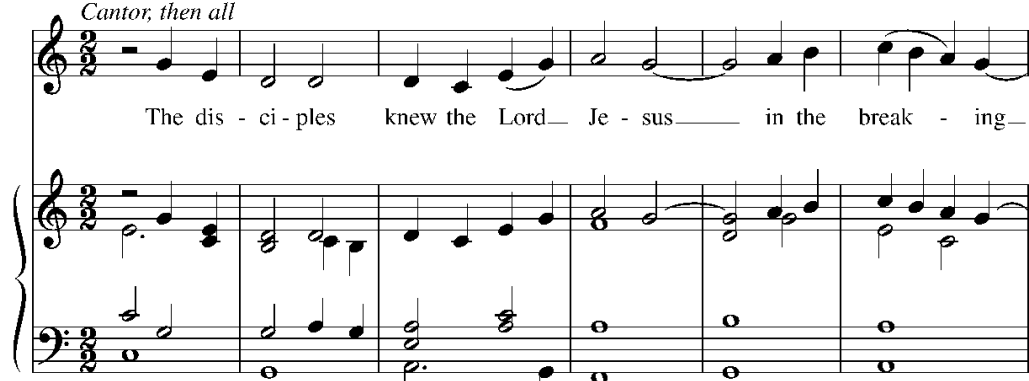
Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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: #876 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

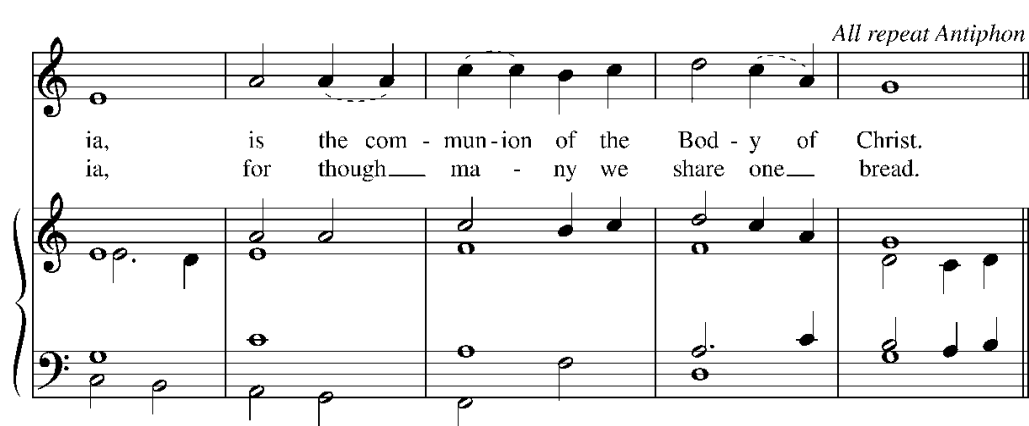
Fine Verses



— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

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. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

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

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken

#341 Hymnal 1982

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines, including a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

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 tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), alt. Copyright © Louis F. Benson. Used by permission of Robert F. Jeffery. Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

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

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be with you now and always. **Amen.** -*Saint Clare*

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Ye Holy Angels Bright

#625 Hymnal 1982

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Fr. David Lucey
Acolyte	Ed Rhodes & Lynne Montgomery
Altar Guild	Jeanne Rorke
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Chris Forward
Lector / Intercessor	Pat Smith
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Smith
Healing Minister	Anthony Amato
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Anne and Jon Spear
Counters	Ed Rhodes

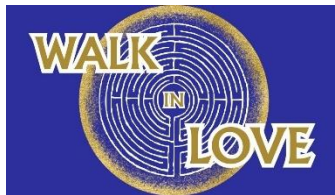
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.



Thank you to everyone that has already made their pledge to St. Thomas for 2026!

Our campaign goal is 70 pledgers and a pledged target of \$405,000.

As of Monday, November 3rd, we have 37 pledgers and our pledged total is \$294,230. Thank you!

How to Pledge: We hope that everyone has already received their pledge letter and card. If you have not, please contact Rishabh in the office or a member of the Stewardship team so we can get these to you. Pledges can always be made online (either via the website or by the app). Full instructions are on the Stewardship page of the website. Physical pledge cards can be returned in the mail or by dropping in the offertory plate. Even better is to take a photo of your completed card and email that to Rishabh.

Please plan on making your pledge this week and also to join us next Sunday, November 16th, as we gather to bless the pledges. At any point, please feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship committee if you have any questions about the pledge campaign.

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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 November 9th, 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.

Thanksgiving Bags for Second Story

We are currently collecting donations of thanksgiving bags for families in need at Second Story. If you are interested in supporting, please pick up a bag in the Narthex and fill it with the items on the flyer. Filled bags must be returned by November 17th. You can also make donations online until November 16th and we'll do the shopping.

ECW Treats and Treasures Sale

The ECW holds a Treats & Treasures Sale annually through which we raise funds that are donated to charitable causes. The ECW Treats & Treasures Sale will be held following the 10 am service on the first two Sundays in December. We welcome your donations of "treasures" until November 30th. Boxed items can be left in the ECW closet in Hudson Hall, however, please do not block access to the electric box. Reach out to Louise Armitage if you would like to help with sorting and pricing treasures.

Living the Gospel in Empire, Empowered by Christ: Pilgrimage to Italy and Greece

Rev. Fran and Rev. David will lead a pilgrimage to southern Italy and Greece from May 4 – May 15, 2026 based on their sabbatical trip earlier this year.

For details: <https://episcopaljourneys.com/gospel-in-empire-italy-greece-26023/>

Living the Gospel in Empire, Empowered by Christ: Bible Study Continues Tomorrow!

Everyone is invited to join Rev. David and Rev. Fran in a Bible study, whether you are planning to join them on the pilgrimage or just want to learn more about the topic. The next class will be on **Monday, November 10th at 7:30 pm**. We do plan to record the class for those who cannot make it. Reach out to Rev. David at davidsmith927@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to the class list for materials. Please reach out to the office for the Zoom link or for recordings of previous classes!

Pints with Doubting Thomas

The next gathering of Pints with Doubting Thomas will be on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm in Hudson Hall. Join us for an opportunity to talk about theology in a relaxed environment. We'll have some drinks and snacks, but feel free to bring your own!

Women Gathering

Thursday, November 13th at 4:30 on Zoom

Please reach out to Rishabh for the Zoom link. We will cover Chapters 2 and 3 in *Falling Upwards*. Women Gathering is the women's spirituality group at St. Thomas. We meet monthly, on the second Thursday of the month, via Zoom, to deepen our connection to God through prayer and study. This year, we'll read together: *Falling Upwards: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Updated Edition*, written by Richard Rohr, © 2024.

November ECW Meeting

The next meeting of the ECW will be on Sunday, November 16th at 11:30 am in the ELC and on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85195872594?pwd=pp0VmtC1N13C93cYo9k3ZqzaF9qNug.1>

Meeting ID: 851 9587 2594 Passcode: 785714

Ladies Lunch Bunch

St. Thomas Ladies, please join us for lunch.

Time: 11:15 AM

When: 3rd Monday, November 17th

Where: Chiang Mai Thai Cookhouse

6828 Old Dominion Dr. #C, McLean

<https://g.co/kgs/4XkumvA>

To RSVP, text Audrey Adair at 813.956.7550

Silent Auction: Galloway Fund for SOT Artists

Congratulations to Silent Auction winners Jan Hamilton, Cleta and Ray Raymond, Fred Young, Carol and Duane Goddard, and Ed Rhodes! Thanks also to generous donors Jenifer Bluhm, Cleta Raymond, Ray Raymond, and McLean Flowers for their amazing auction items. The Galloway Fund, named after our friend and longtime St. Thomas member Jim Galloway, now has \$3050 more to support artists in the 2025-26 SOT Season!

The opening show, *Hansel and Gretel*, runs from December 5-14th. Tickets are available at [Shakespeareoperatheatre.com](https://shakespeareoperatheatre.com) or email boxoffice@shakespeareoperatheatre.com.

Grab a flyer from the Narthex, spread the word, and see you there!

Coffee Hosts Needed for Remainder of Year

We are in need of a host for Sunday, December 21. Thank you in advance for all who have signed up for the other Sundays! The links to sign up are available below via SignUpGenius or by using the QR code. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help you! We would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies. You can also ask for someone else to make coffee if you'd like. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-2775851-stthomas>



November SHARE Needs



This Week

Monday November 10th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7 pm – SOT Rehearsal

7:30 pm – Bible Study: Living the Gospel in Empire

Tuesday November 11th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday November 12th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

7 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Thursday November 13th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

4:30 pm – Women Gathering

Friday November 14th

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

7 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Saturday November 15th

12 pm – SOT Rehearsal

Sunday November 16th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3 pm – SOT Rehearsal

3:30 pm – Confession

5 pm – High Mass