



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter



*Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit
Stained Glass, Source Unknown*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 10, 2026

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Fr. Will Drosos

Introit *Morning Has Broken*

#8 Hymnal 1982

Please stand as you are able.

Procession *All Creatures of Our God and King*

#400 Hymnal 1982



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



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



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

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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

Children's Chapel is on break for the summer. Children are welcome to stay with us in the sanctuary and are encouraged to be full participants in the worship service.

Song of Praise

Alleluia, alleluia!

#191 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:

1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Collect of the Day

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

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

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 66 responsively by half verse*)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and Gospel reading.
As a sign of respect, please turn to face the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

O All Ye Works of God, Now Come

#428 Hymnal 1982

(Verses 1,2,3 before the Gospel and Verses 4,5,6 after the Gospel)

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

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The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Will Drosos

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.

You are invited to kneel as you are able for the Prayers of the People.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Lori, Rishabh, David, Holly and Nicole, our staff; Anthony, our Seminarian; the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Dan Wicks, Louise Rosenburgh, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for those blessings you would name either silently or aloud [*pause*].

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For **Ethan, Vincent, Lynn, Emily and Dave, Yusuf, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Bill, Katie and Scott, Christian, Chuck, Dani, Skeets, Debby, Cristina, Wilma, Karen, Tricia, Janette, Barry, Abby, Michael, Kathy, Nici, Wes, Bruce, Brad, Yan, Nancy, Mike**, and those you would name either silently or aloud [*pause*]. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Rosannah Milam Huff, mother of Louise Armitage, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and those that are now named either silently or aloud [*pause*] and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace in our world.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Amen.

Let us pray for our St. Thomas pilgrims.

Loving God, be with our St. Thomas pilgrims, as they make a journey of faith in Italy and Greece. Give them grace and courage to step forward in faith and grant them hope on the

road ahead. Open their eyes to see your face and open their ears to hear your voice in all those they encounter. Give them traveling mercies and a safe return. And may we all be enriched by their journey. 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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

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

The Offertory

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*



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

You may be seated for the Offertory Anthem.

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that who so believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

Please stand as you are able when the offering is brought forward.

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

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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: #858 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*At this moment in the Eucharistic Prayer, some people choose to remain standing and some to kneel.
You may do whichever feels right to you.*

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 celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
A period of silence follows, and then the following anthem is sung.*

The Fraction – #866 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the Choir, and the third and fourth for the Congregation & Choir. The music is in 3/4 time and features the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

All who desire a relationship with God through Jesus Christ are welcome at communion, regardless of age or tradition. Please come forward at the invitation of an usher.

If you wish to receive the bread and sip from the chalice, please go the right side of the altar.

If you prefer to receive the bread and have a minister dip it in the chalice, please go the left side of the altar.

If you prefer, you may come forward for a blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available on request. Please indicate to the minister when you come forward.

There will be no healing prayers during communion today. If you desire prayers for healing—for yourself or for others—please see Fr. Will after the service.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#405 Hymnal 1982

Descant
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Please kneel as you are able.

Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

#398 Hymnal 1982

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

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

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

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude



**The altar flowers are given by Louise Armitage
 in memory of her mother, Rosannah Milam Huff,
 and in honor of the wonderful mothers her daughters have become**

Worship Participants

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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
Sunday, May 10th, 2026**



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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Garden Sharing Plant Sale Today!

Our Garden Sharing Plant Sale is today after the 10am service from 11am - noon. We will be selling, perennials (flowers that return every year) from our very own gardens. Our objective is to make our world even more beautiful and to make plants affordable for more gardeners. Our prices are very reasonable. If you no longer garden, these plants would be a thoughtful gift to new neighbors, new gardeners, and others. All funds raised will go toward maintenance costs for our St. Thomas Memorial Garden.

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for May

We are seeking hosts for refreshments which will be served following the 10:00am service each Sunday. You can sign up using the link or QR code below. Under our current format, we would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies, and you can ask for someone else to make the coffee for you as part of the sign-up process. Reach out to the office if you have questions at parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-60181120-coffee>



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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 in Hudson Hall

Have Questions? We've got you! Our Adult Forum offers an engaging and intellectually stimulating experience that goes deeper than traditional Sunday School. We will have a variety of snacks and drinks and you are free to bring your own!

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Meet Me at McLean Day!

Come hang out at the SOT and St. Thomas Table at McLean Day, May 16th at Lewinsville Park, and be a part of helping the community learn about St. Thomas! We'll be at a table in the marketplace answering questions and engaging new friends. This is the perfect opportunity for Episcopal evangelism in our community! Email Minister of Music Dr. Lori Lind if you can join us any time from 11 AM to 5 PM. Help with setup and breakdown are also very much appreciated. lori.lind@stthomasmcleanva.org or text 443-226-8270. See you there!

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St. Thomas ECW Meeting

The next meeting of the ECW is **Sunday, May 17th at 11:30 am** on Zoom and in person in the ELC Conference Room.

Scan the QR code for the Zoom link:



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ECW Book Group Dinner Party

Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 in Hudson Hall

The May meeting is a "Salad Supper" dinner party. Please bring a salad, appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Your contribution can be store-bought or homemade, all are welcome! Also, bring any books you would like to give away so they may find a new home. Please note the earlier than usual start time!

Second Story Learning Series Event

Thursday, May 21st at 12pm via Zoom

Betting on Risk: What Families Need to Know About Online Gambling and its Effects on Young People. Join our friends at Second Story for a timely conversation on the rapidly growing world of online gambling, and what it means for young people today. From sports betting apps to gaming platforms that blur the line between play and wagering, this session will explore how these trends are showing up in teens' lives, why they can be so hard to recognize, and the real risks they pose.



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Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers

Thursday, June 4th at 10am

Every month, a few of us gather to complete the simple task of repackaging diapers from bulk quantities to household-size bundles to be distributed to needy families. Scan the QR code to access the sign-up.



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Ladies Lunch Bunch

You are invited to attend lunch, followed by a destination dessert at Audrey and Walt's place on Lake Thoreau. We'll ferry over and back with Walt at the helm (Rain date – June 23rd)

June 22nd at 11:15 AM

Red's Table

11150 South Lakes Dr
South Lake Shopping Center

For more information or to confirm, text Audrey at 813-956-7550

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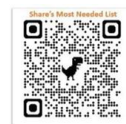
Meet Me at the Opera!

July 10-19. Shakespeare Opera Theatre at St. Thomas presents *Tartuffe* and *Susannah*, two American Opera Gems in celebration of America 250! Both operas center on themes of religious and moral hypocrisy, *Tartuffe* with hilarity, *Susannah* with tragedy. Attend both shows and get 10% off! Grab your tickets at shakespeareoperatheatre.com

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Share Most Needed Items for May

Our ministry partner SHARE is always in need of food and personal care items for our neighbors in McLean, Tysons and Pimmit Hills.



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This Week

- Monday May 11th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Tuesday May 12th**
12 pm – Holy Eucharist
1:30 pm – ELC Directors Meeting
- Wednesday May 13th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas
- Thursday May 14th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Friday May 15th**
11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship
- Sunday May 17th**
8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
11:30 am – ECW Meeting
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass