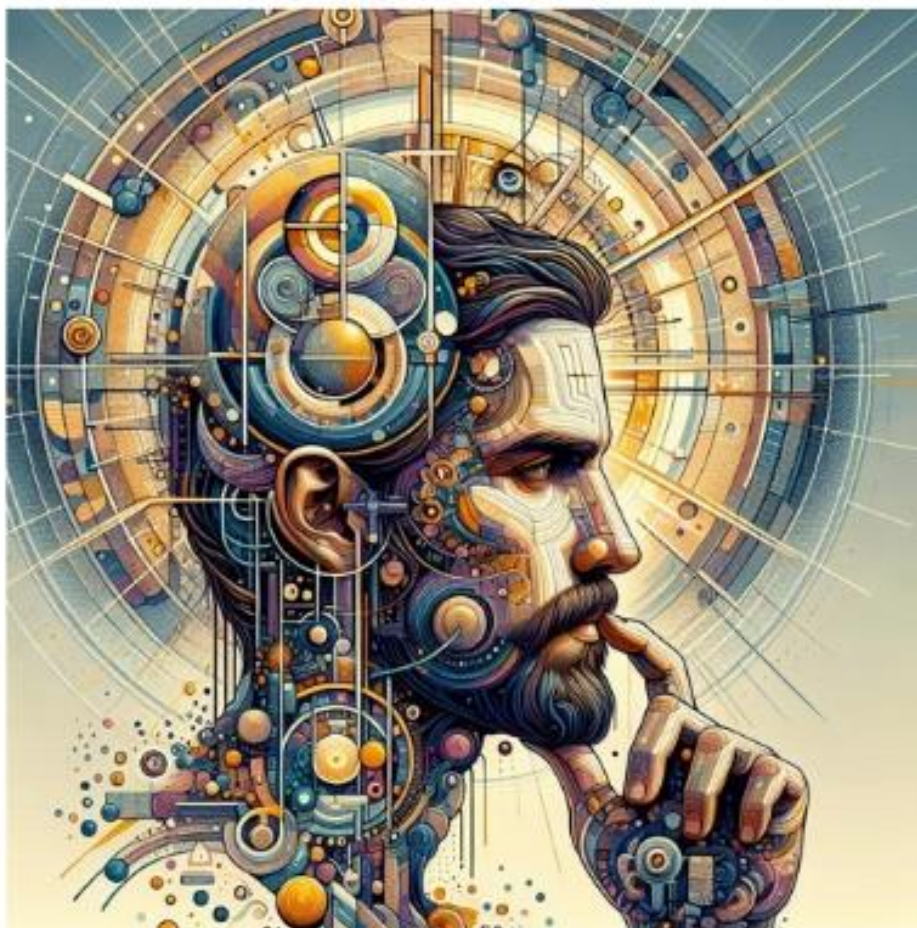




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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,  
declare Christ's Mission for us:  
to grow as a Church  
in the spiritual strength  
of community,  
and to care, reach out,  
and include all people in Christ's love.

# Seventh Sunday of Easter



*Jesus Prays for the Disciples and the World*  
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

May 17, 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**

*Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

#214 Hymnal 1982

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, c - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

**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,



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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

## **The First Lesson**

### **Acts 1:6-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 68 responsively by half verse*)

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
**let those who hate him flee before him.**

- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
**God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
**sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
**his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.**
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

## The Second Lesson

## **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a

little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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**      *The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns*      **#483 Hymnal 1982**  
(Verses 1,2,3 before the Gospel and Verses 4,5,6 after the Gospel)

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

**The Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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.**

*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 Chuck Grimes, Jeson Ingraham, Brendan ten Siethoff, K.P. Reed, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Mary Lee and Rick Montfort, Nici and Toby Bush, Tricia and Skeets Meyer, and 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 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.**

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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*You may be seated for the Offertory Anthem.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*O Sing, Sing Alleluia*

**Valerie Oyen-Larsen**

Praise the Lord with jubilant song, O sing, sing allelu!  
to our God all praises belong, sing allelu!  
All the earth God's wonders proclaim, O sing, sing allelu!  
O exalt his holy name, sing alleluia!

Let all the earth praise his Name, Sing to God!  
In exultation your voices employ, O sing, sing allelu!  
All creation sound with joy, sing allelu!  
to all men his greatness be known, O sing, sing allelu!  
Glory and honor to him alone, sing alleluia!

Adoramus, benedicimus, adoramus, glorificamus te. [We adore, we bless, we adore, we glorify thee.]

Through his eternal, glorious love, We sing allelu!  
We shall rejoice in heaven above, O sing alleluia!

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

**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 divided into three sections: 'Cantor' (3/4 time), 'Choir' (3/4 time), and 'Congregation & Choir' (4/4 time). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues the lyrics: 'ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff continues: 'There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' The fourth staff concludes with: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and rests.

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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.

**Communion Hymn**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

#460 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans arc we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

*While some are receiving communion at church, those worshipping 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.**

*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

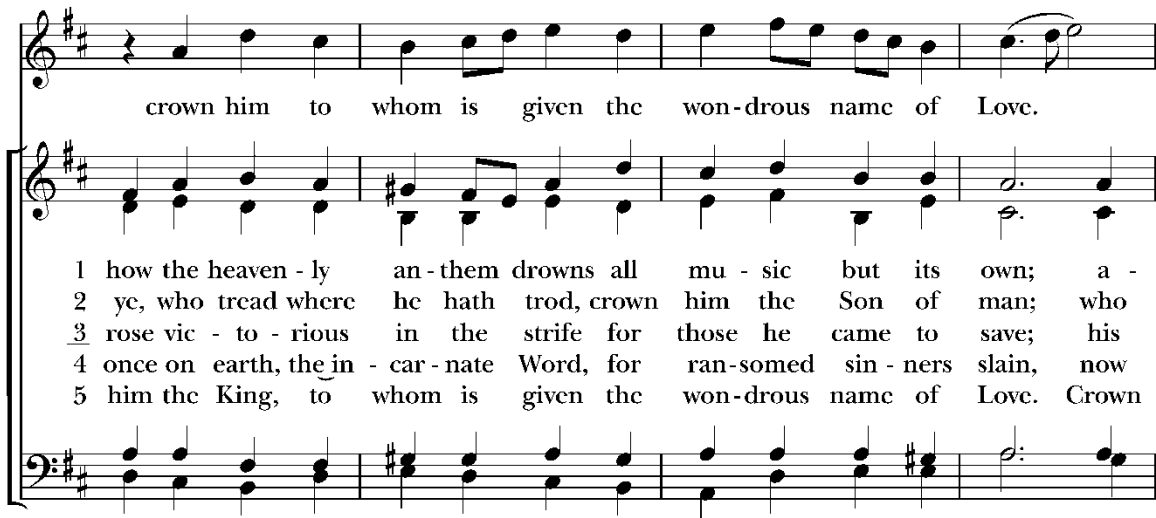
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**#494 Hymnal 1982**

*Descant*

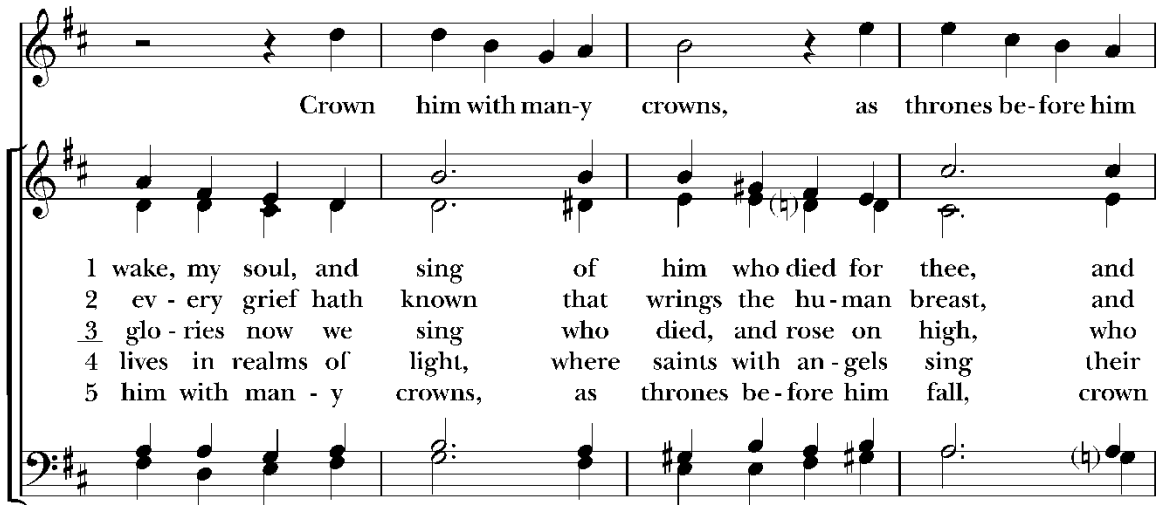
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



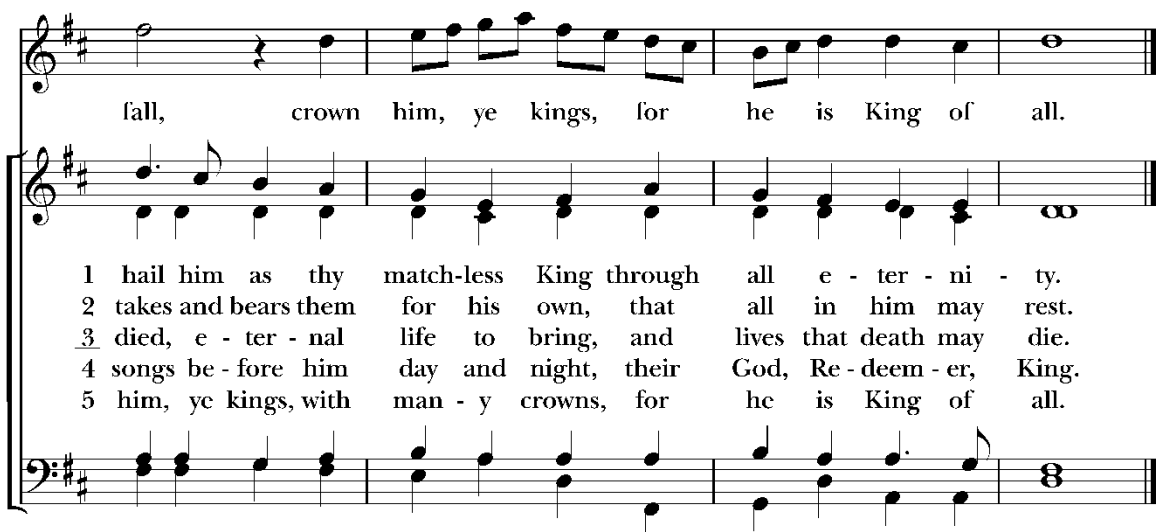
crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - sored sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown



Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown



fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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**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**

**Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Fr. David Lucey
Acolyte	Lynne Montgomery
Altar Guild	Diane and Will Ferris
Flower Guild	Jan Grimes
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
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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  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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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**St. Thomas ECW Meeting Today**

The next meeting of the ECW is after church today, **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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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**Tyson's Interfaith Event This Afternoon**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 5:30pm**

Do you have any idea how many values you have in common with your neighbors? Explore some of the foundational principles of some of the world's major religions. What can a Hindu, Jew and Baha'i teach us about how we live and how we connect? Location: McLean Baptist Church Youth Hall, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean VA 22101. To register, scan the QR code below to visit the EventBrite link:



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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. Reach out to the office if you have questions at

[parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org](mailto:parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-60181120-coffee>



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**ECW Book Group Dinner Party**

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**Pints with Doubting Thomas**

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 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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**Second Story Learning Series Event**

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers**

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://shakespeareoperatheatre.com)

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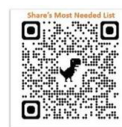
**Thank You from the ECW!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the ECW Garden Sharing Plant Sale last Sunday either by donating plants and plant-related items or by purchasing them! Our proceeds are projected to be \$756.00!! All funds are designated for beautification of the St. Thomas Memorial Garden.

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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 18<sup>th</sup>**

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

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

12 pm – Holy Eucharist

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

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – ECW Book Group Dinner Party

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

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7 pm – Choir Rehearsal

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

11 am to 3 pm – McLean Islamic Center Worship

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

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass