



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 after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

July 05, 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

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Procession

O God of Ev'ry Nation

#607 Hymnal 1982

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease,
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - bcr, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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The Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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

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.

Gloria

Glory to God

#S280 Hymnal 1982

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

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

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The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 145 responsively by half verse*)

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#692 Hymnal 1982

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

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.

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The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

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 II

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. In the silence after each prayer, you may offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Lori, Rishabh, Susan, Holly, Nicole, and David, our staff; the teachers at the Early Learning Center; and the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are poor, sick, hungry, oppressed, or in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are on our parish prayer list: **Ethan, Vincent, Lynn, Emily and Dave, Yusuf, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Bill, Chuck, Dani, Skeets, Debby, Cristina, Wilma, Karen, Tricia, Janette, Barry, Abby, Michael, Kathy, Nici, Wes, Bruce, Yan, Nancy and Mike, Eric and Em, Michelle, Dan, Eddie, Tobin, Zorha, Jack, Joe, Audrey, Richard,** and those you would name either silently or aloud.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for Rita Allan, Walter Koehler, Sara Miles, and all those celebrating

birthdays this week; for Judi and Mike Alexander, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for those blessings you would name either silently or aloud.

Silence

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

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

The Offertory

I appeal to you, siblings in Christ, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



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

You may be seated for the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies

#719 Hymnal 1982

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

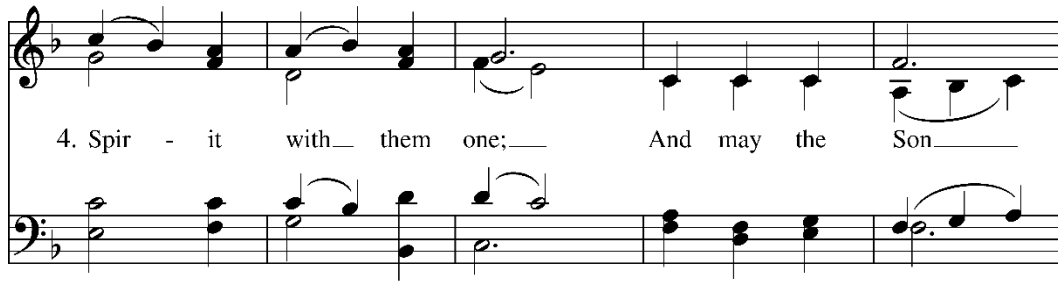
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Please stand as you are able when the offering is brought forward.

The Doxology *Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* #112 **Lift Every Voice and Sing II, Verse 4**



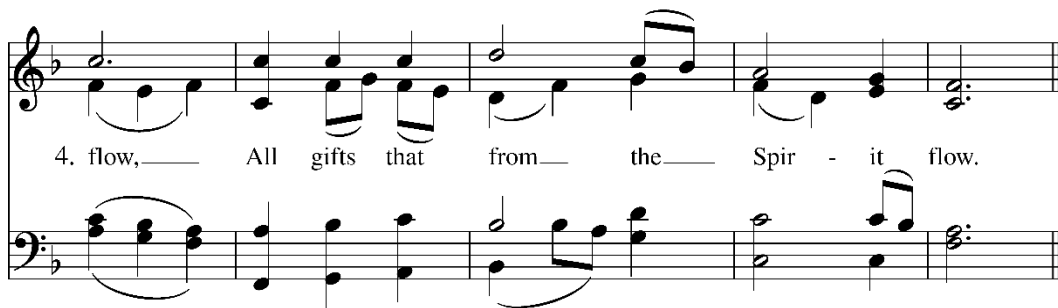
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



4. Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



4. on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



4. flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C (2024 Update Approved by General Convention)

May God 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.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

#S129 Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

#873 Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a 2/4 time signature, followed by a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who". The piano accompaniment features a bass line with chords and a treble line with melodic accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: "eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

I in them. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of staves. The top system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The bottom system has a piano accompaniment in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I in them. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia."

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 Rev. Fran after the service.

Communion Hymn

Awake My Soul

#11 Hymnal 1982

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 *4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Awake My Soul'. It consists of two systems of staves. The top system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The bottom system has a piano accompaniment in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy; 2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -; 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all; *4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise"

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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 for the post-communion prayer

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 Fr. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Now, go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

From Saint Clare

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

This is my Song, O God of All the Nations

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
 A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
 This is my home, the country where my heart is;
 Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating
 With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Lyrics by Lloyd Stone

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Save the Date for Shrine Mont 2026

An Introduction to Praying with Icons

Labor Day Weekend - Friday September 4 - Sunday September 6



Join Rev. Fran and special guest, The Rev. Sarah Kye Price, Vocations Minister in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and an iconographer. Sarah and Fran will co-lead us in an experience of interactive learning about icons and prayer.

As always, we'll also enjoy games, hiking, snacks, worship, and the joy of being together in beautiful Orkney Springs!

Registration opens next week.
More information and details to follow in July.



The Rev. Sarah
Kye Price

Worship continues tonight at 5pm at our High Mass.

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SUNDAYS AT 5 PM

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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, July 5th, 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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Pints with Doubting Thomas Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30

Have Questions? We've got you! We will be meeting at the Italian Oven (6852 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22101) this week for Rishabh's last Pints. We will do a free for all theological Q&A! Reach out to Rishabh or Fr. Will if you have any questions that you'd like to talk about!

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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

Susannah Polk is a young woman whose beauty and independence make her stand out in her tightly-knit mountain community. When she's accused of immoral behavior by the valley's self-righteous elders, rumor quickly hardens into judgment. Even the well-meaning Reverend is torn between compassion and desire, creating turmoil that drives the drama to bitter tragedy. Carlisle Floyd's score fuses Appalachian folk sounds with soaring lyricism, creating one of the most unforgettable American works of the 20th century. (Sung in English, run time of 120 minutes with one intermission)

Tartuffe is an impossibly charming imposter who smooth-talks his way toward power, money and romance within a wealthy household—until his ruse is hilariously exposed. Packed with non-stop wit and lyrical sparkle by composer Kirke Mechem, America meets Versailles in this lively musical take on Molières classic skewering of moral and religious hypocrisy. (Sung in English, run time of 120 minutes with one intermission)

Shakespeare Opera Theatre at St. Thomas is delighted to share our gratitude for grants from the Ross Roberts Fund for the Arts of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, The Dimick Foundation, and the Fairfax250 fund, as well as individual gifts that support our performances. We're also pleased to announce that college-aged interns have joined us this summer to study arts administration and technical theater. When you see them around the building, please greet them along with performers. Our new tagline is "Timeless Stories. Extraordinary Voices." Thank you, St. Thomas, for your unwavering support and love!

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St. Thomas Banner

A large St. Thomas banner is currently up and is visible from Route 7. The vestry and staff are evaluating its effectiveness and we would appreciate your feedback. Please let a staff member or vestry member know what you think!

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Share Garden Deliveries

The Share Garden Project has started making regular deliveries to share. If you would like to participate in this whether by an occasional delivery to Share or helping with some light garden maintenance, please contact Jon Spear@ jon.spear1@verizon.net.

Save the Date for Shrine Mont 2026!

Labor Day Weekend – September 4th to 6th

Join Rev. Fran and special guest, Rev. Sarah Kye Price, Vocations Minister in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and an iconographer. Sarah and Fran will co-lead us in an experience of interactive learning about icons and prayer. As always, we'll also enjoy games, hiking, snacks, worship, and the joy of being together in beautiful Orkney Springs! Registration opens this week and more details will follow in July.

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for July

We are seeking hosts for refreshments which will be served following the 10:00am service each Sunday. You can sign up using the QR code below. We ask hosts to provide 2-3 items, including fresh fruit or veggies, and you can indicate if you'd like to make the coffee. Reach out to the office if you have questions at parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org



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Ushers Needed for July and August

If you would like to try your hand at ushering, we'd love to have you on our team! This is a great summer gig for Choir members :) Scan the QR code to access the sign up. If you need any help, reach out to Mary Lee maryleemontfort@gmail.com



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Share Most Needed Items for July

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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Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers Thursday, August 6th 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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This Week

Monday July 6th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer
6:15 pm – SOT Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday July 7th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist
6:15 pm – SOT Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday July 8th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer
6:15 pm – SOT Dress Rehearsal
6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday July 9th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Friday July 10th

7:30 pm – Shakespeare Opera Theatre: *Susannah*

Saturday July 11th

7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast
2:30 pm – Shakespeare Opera Theatre: *Susannah*

Sunday July 12th

9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
2:30 pm – Shakespeare Opera Theatre: *Tartuffe*
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass