



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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

July 19, 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

Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

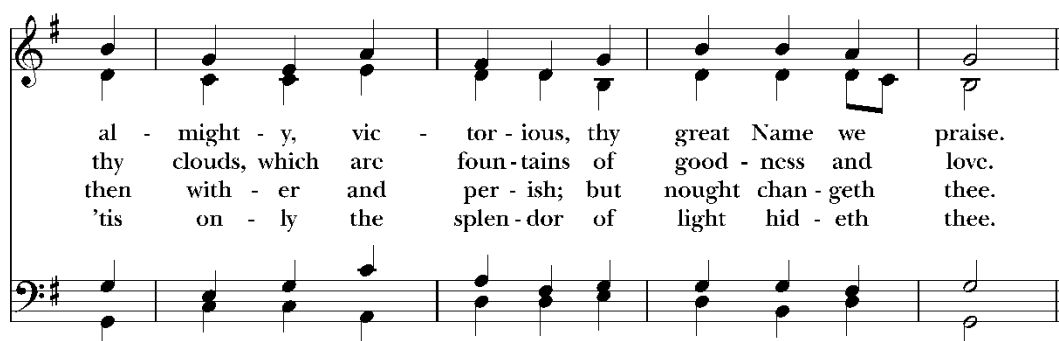
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#423 Hymnal 1982

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 86 responsively by half verse*)

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know

that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Father We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

#302 Hymnal 1982

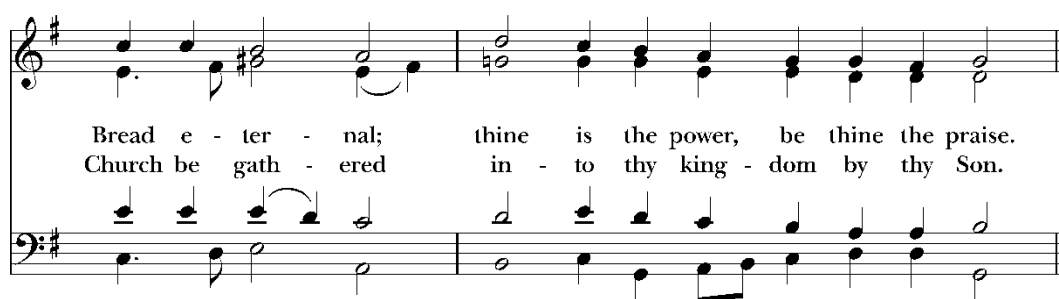
(Both verses before the Gospel)

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from c - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



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The Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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 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, 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, Wes, Bruce, Yan, Nancy and Mike, Eric and Em, Dan, Eddie, Zorha, Jack, Joe, Audrey, Richard, Berta, Phyllis**, and those you would name either silently or aloud.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for Lucy Chatelain, Diane Ferris, Debby Reed, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Berta and Wade Smith, 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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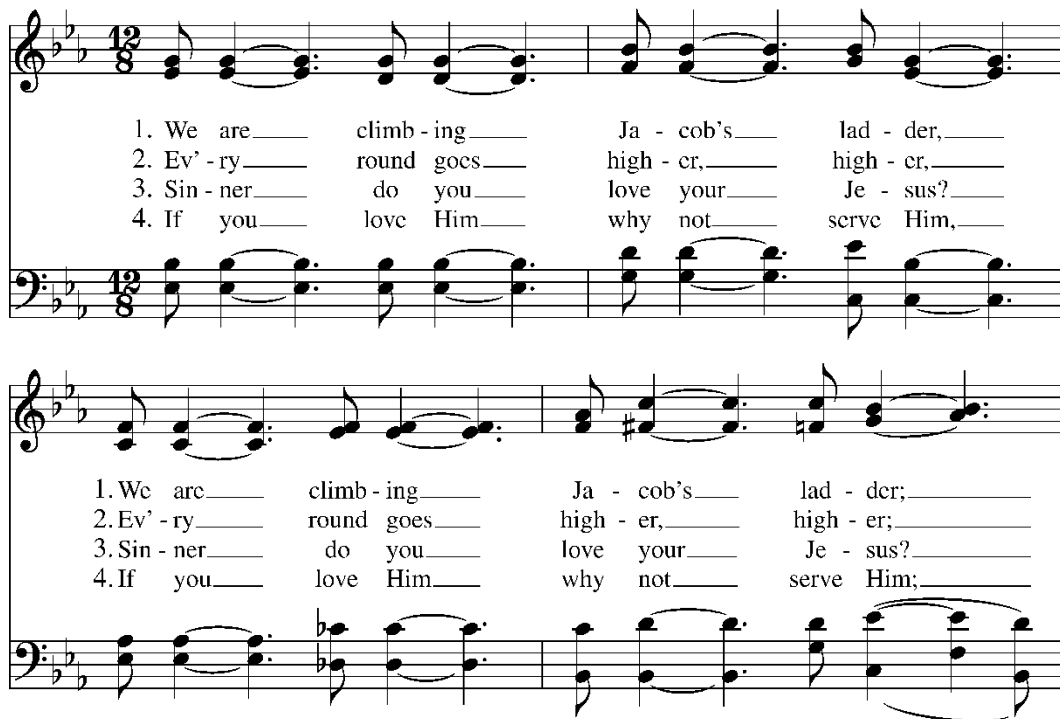
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You may be seated for the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

#220 Lift Every Voice and Sing II



1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der, _____
2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____

1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der; _____
2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er; _____
3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him; _____

1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der,
 2. Ev' - ry round goes high - cr, high - cr,
 3. Sin - ner do you love your Je - sus?
 4. If you love Him why not serve Him,

1. Sol - diers of the cross,
 2. Sol - diers of the cross,
 3. Sol - diers of the cross,
 4. Sol - diers of the cross,

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arr. Copyright © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who

eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and

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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and I in them. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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.

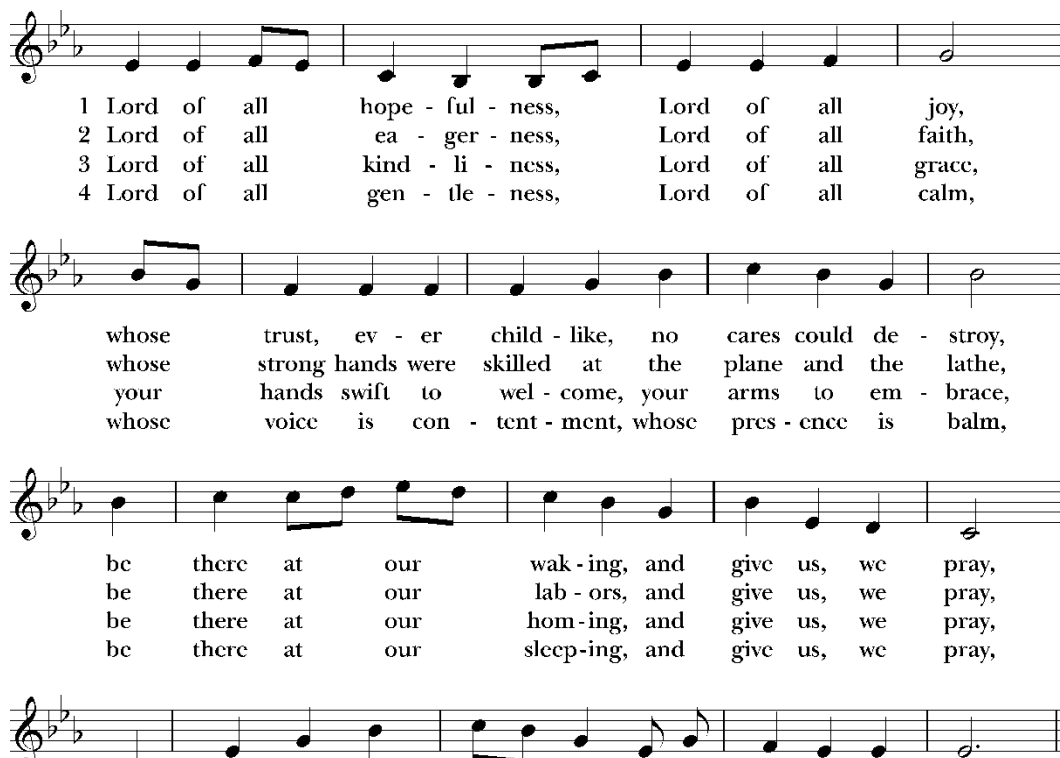
Gluten free wafers are available on request. Please indicate to the minister when you come forward.

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

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1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

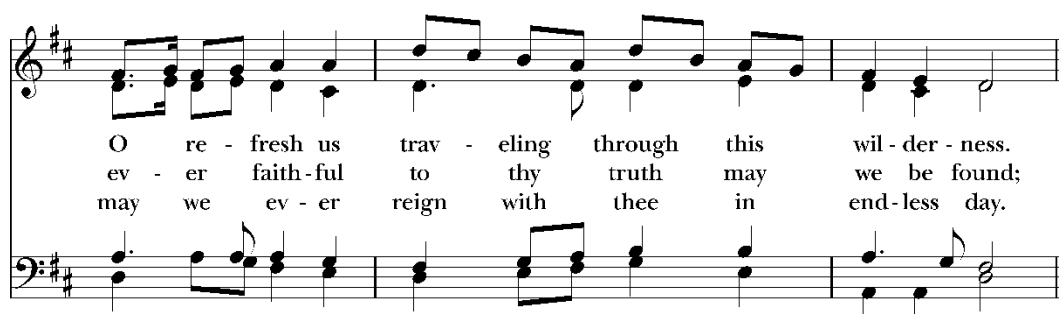
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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Fr. Will Drosos
Acolyte	Louise Armitage
Altar Guild	Anne Spear
Flower Guild	Diane Ferris
Digital Usher	Rev David Smith
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Eucharistic Minister	Louise Armitage
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Register Now 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 is open.

Please take a registration form from the table in the Narthex.

More details to follow.



The Rev. Sarah
Kye Price

Worship continues tonight at 5pm at our High Mass.

✦ TRADITIONAL ✦

EPISCOPAL HIGH MASS

HOLY MYSTERIES, ANCIENT RITUAL
SUNDAYS AT 5 PM

ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

ALL ARE 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, July 19th, 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.

Meet Me at the Opera! Last Weekend!

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)

Register Now 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 is now open. Scan the QR code to download the form or you can pick up a physical copy in the Narthex.



Backpacks for Second Story!

It's that time of year when we begin collecting backpacks for the children and families in the Second Story in the Community programs. If you wish to build your own stuffed backpack, please fill them with lined paper, spiral or composition notebook, pens, highlighters, pencils, pencil pouch, crayons, scissors, and glue sticks.

Since most of us prefer to donate money and have us do the shopping, we are going to stuff backpacks at coffee hour on SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd during coffee hour. Because we are buying things in bulk, \$25 will cover the cost of one backpack. Please be as generous as you can so that our neighbors can go back to school with everything they need. You can put cash or a check in the collection plate (in an envelope that says backpacks on it). Or you can donate online using our online giving portal. If you have any questions, reach out to Anne Spear or Rev. Fran.

Pints with Doubting Thomas Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30

Have Questions? We've got you! We will be meeting in Hudson Hall. Reach out to Fr. Will with questions!

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for August and September

We are seeking hosts for light refreshments which will be served following the 10:00am service each Sunday. You can sign up using the QR code below. coffee hour will be very casual served in the Narthex with lemonade, iced tea (optional) and a few simple snacks. Reach out to the office if you have questions at

parishadmin@stthomasmclean.org



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Ushers Still Needed for 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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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.

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This Week

Monday July 20th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday July 21st

12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Wednesday July 22nd

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday July 23rd

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Friday July 24th

11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday July 25th

No Events

Sunday July 26th

9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass