



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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

July 26, 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

O Worship the King

#488 Hymnal 1982

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with five parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided for each vocal part.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

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



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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or

counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 *(We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse)*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but

gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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

The Lord Will Come and not be Slow

#462 Hymnal 1982

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

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.
 2 and jus - tice, from her heav - en - ly bower, look down on us be - low.
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647).

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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, 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. This week, we remember Thomas Pringle, Peter Reddaway, and Maria Elena Lopez Casanas interred in our Memorial Garden, on the anniversaries of their deaths. 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, Christine,** and those you would name either silently or aloud.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for David Alton Smith, Hashem Vafabakhsh, Reza Nikpey, Jim Ventorini, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Betsy & Michael Heilman, and Fran Gardner-Smith & David Smith, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries; 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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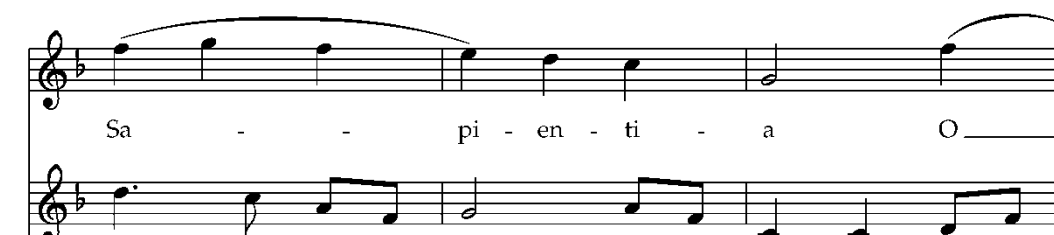


Descant



3 O — vir — tus

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture



Sa - - pi - en - ti - a O —

danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
 in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
 all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



vir - tus Sa - pi - en - ti - a

teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us

O Sa - pi - en - ti - a

clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
 to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Final Ending

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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 image displays a musical score for a four-part vocal setting. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: '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', and '4. flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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 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.

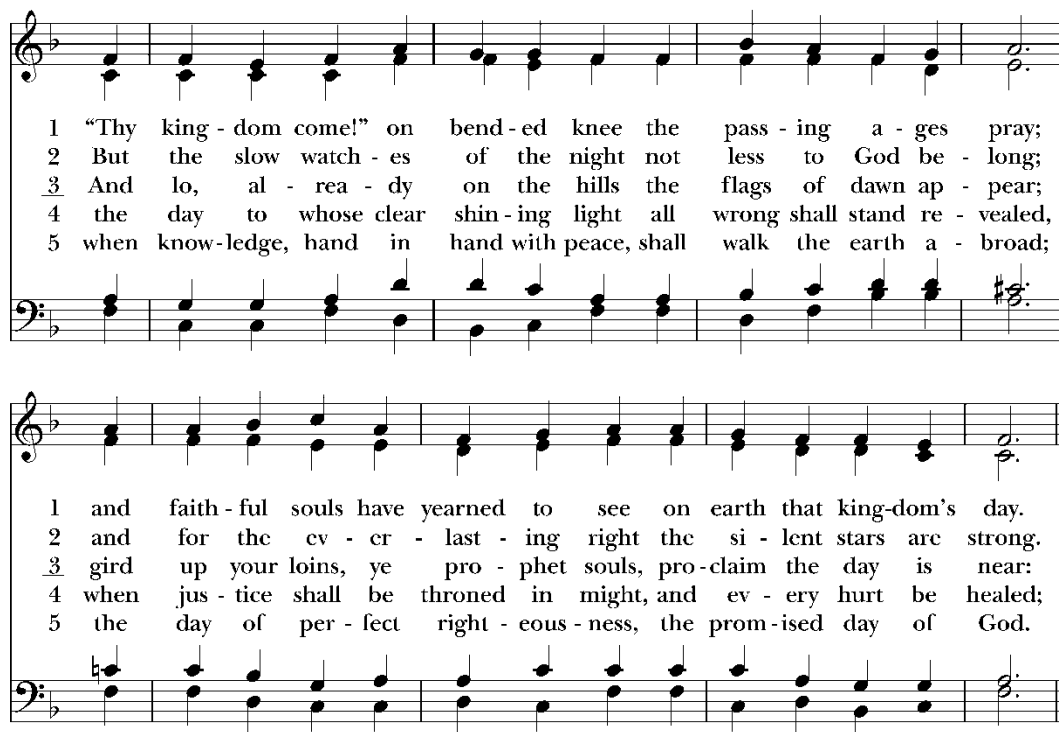
If you wish to receive the bread and sip from the chalice, please go the right side of the altar.

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

Thy Kingdom Come

615 Hymnal 1982



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

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

God, You have Given Us Power to Sound

#584 Hymnal 1982

1 God, you have given us power to sound depths hith - er - to un-known,
2 Great are your gifts; yet great - er far this gift, O God, be - stow:
3 Let wis - dom's god - ly fear dis - pel the fears that hate im - part;
4 So for your glo - ry and our good may we your gifts em - ploy,

to probe earth's hid - den mys - ter - ies, and make their might our own.
that as to know - ledge we at - tain we may in wis - dom grow.
give un - der - stand - ing to the mind, and with new mind, new heart.
lest, mad - dened by the lust of power, we shall our - selves des - troy.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: Culross, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meter*, 1635.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
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Flower Guild	Sarah Thompson
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Worship continues tonight at 5pm at our High Mass.

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

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.

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.

Remembering Those who have Gone Before

Did you know that St. Thomas has a Memorial Garden? This week, we are starting something new. We will pray for those whose ashes are interred in our Memorial Garden during the prayers of the people. This week we remember Peter Reddaway who died on July 28, 2024 in Berlin, Vermont at the age of 84. See *This Week at St. Thomas* for a link to learn more about Peter.

Interreligious Community Picnic Aug 29th 5-7pm

In June, representatives from eight congregations gathered to pray, sing, and talk. We prayed together. We sang America the Beautiful and This Land is Your Land, and we talked about The Declaration of Independence – its beauty and its flaws – as one of our founding documents. Eight folks from St. Thomas took part. I won't speak for them, but I will say that for me, it was a powerful experience of respectful conversation across differences. My new friends at my table came from many different religious backgrounds and political perspectives.

We will gather a final time for conversation, food, and reflection on Saturday August 29. We hope you will join us. More details will follow.

Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, Aug 12th at 6:30

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

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



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



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.



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.



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.

This Week

Monday July 27th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday July 28th

12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Wednesday July 29th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Thursday July 30th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Friday July 31st

11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Sunday Aug 2nd

9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass