



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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

August 2, 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 Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

#292 Hymnal 1982

1 O Je-sus, crowned with all re-nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath-ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi-rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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.

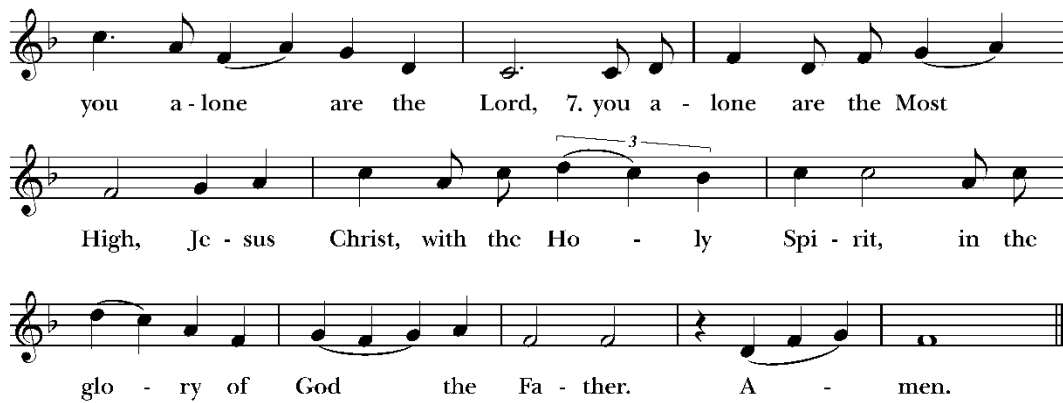
Gloria

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,



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The Collect of the Day

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22 (*We will pray a portion of the psalm 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.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sequence Hymn***O Food to Pilgrims Given*****#309 Hymnal 1982***(Verses 1,2 before the Gospel and Verse 3 after the Gospel)*

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
give us, and all we need pro - vide.
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody alt. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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, especially Christine Raymond, mother of Ray Ramond, who died on Monday, and Caroline May, sister of Cleta Raymond, in whose memory the altar flowers are given. This week, we remember Bertram Simmons, interred in our Memorial Garden on the anniversaries of his death. 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 Lael Lyons, Bonnie Coogan, Mary Coogan, Deborah Forbes, George Gardiner, Melinda Fairchild, Charlie Rhodes, Austin Young, Will Ferris, and all those

celebrating birthdays this week; for 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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Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website:

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

You may be seated for the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn**Shepherd of Souls****#343 Hymnal 1982**

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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 features chords and moving lines that support the vocal parts.

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

My God Thy Table Now is Spread

321 Hymnal 1982

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the voices.

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick-en-ing grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread-ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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

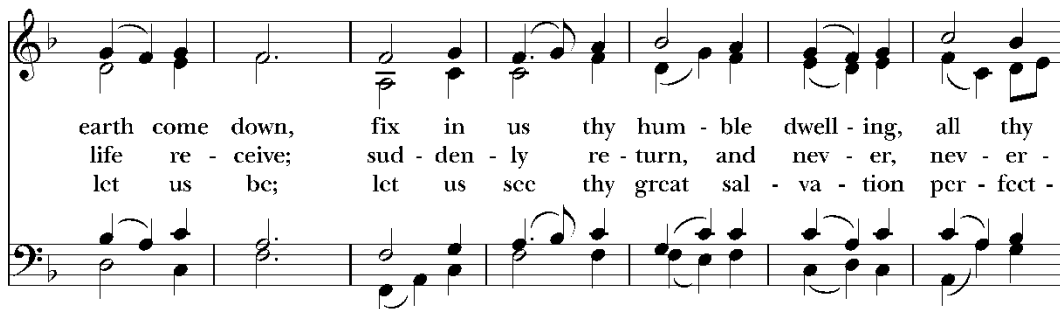
Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Now, go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

From Saint Clare

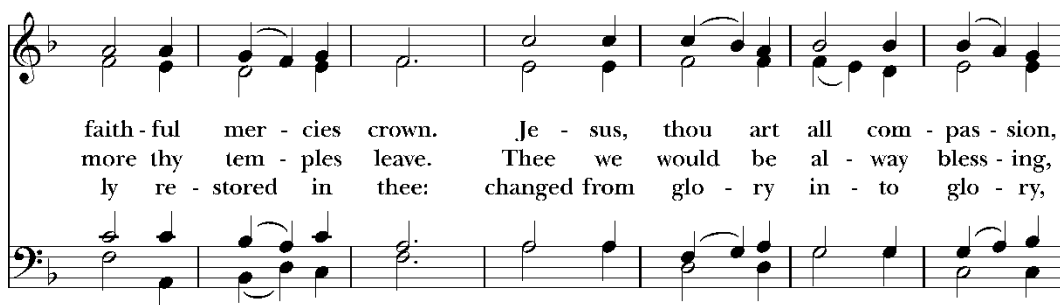
Announcements



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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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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, August 2nd, 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.

Backpacks for Second Story!
This Sunday!

Please consider staying this Sunday for Coffee Hour and to help in packing the backpacks! Many hands make light work.

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.



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.

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before

We will pray for those whose ashes are interred in our Memorial Garden during the prayers of the people. And when we have some biographical information about them, we will include that information here in This Week at St. Thomas.

This week we remember Bertram Simmons who died on August 6, 1987.

Now Hiring! Coffee Hour Hosts 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



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!

Ushers Still Needed for August 23rd

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 August 3rd**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Tuesday August 4th**
12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
- Wednesday August 5th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Thursday August 6th**
10:00 AM: Fairfax Diapers Volunteering
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Friday August 7th**
11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship
- Saturday August 8th**
7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast
- Sunday August 9th**
9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass