



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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

August 30, 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

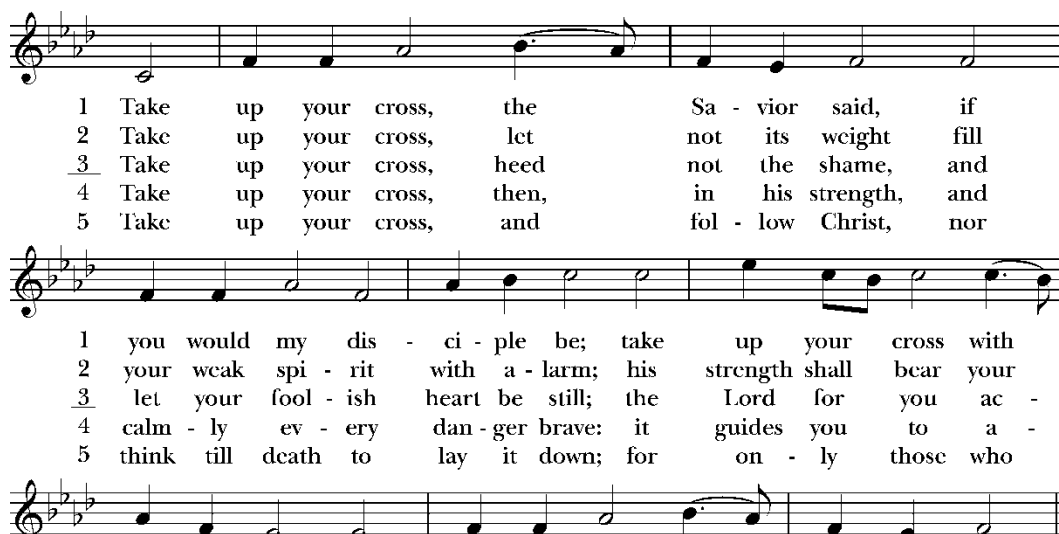
Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Take Up your Cross the Saviour Said

#675 Hymnal 1982



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8 (*We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse*)

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *

and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

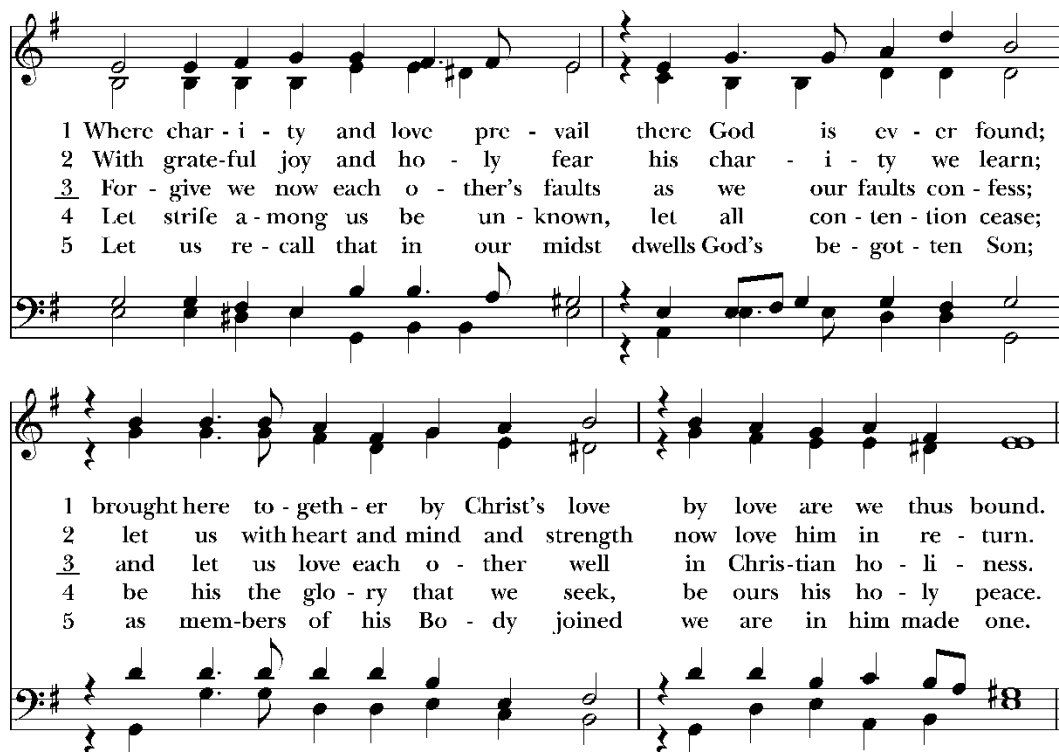
Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and Gospel reading.
As a sign of respect, please turn to face the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

#581 Hymnal 1982

(Verses 1,2,3 before the Gospel and Verses 4,5,6 after the Gospel)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

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The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their

life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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. 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, Kathy, Wes, Yan, Eric and Em, Dan, Eddie, Zorha, Jack, Joe, Audrey, Richard, Berta, Phyllis, Larry, Tim, Cameron, Jenna, Wade, Tobin, Toby**, and those you would name either silently or aloud.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for Roozbeh Haghnazar, Clifford Mastrangelo, Mollie Regan, Tricia Meyer, Dorene Ryder, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Reza Nikpey & Yakelina (Yaqui) Villalobos Diaz, 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 to God. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalms 51:17-18*



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

You may be seated for the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory Hymn*Praise the Lord Through Every Nation***#484 Hymnal 1982**

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and

arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to

Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -
thee be - long; we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -
thee; we bow the knee, we fall be - fore

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and two parts of the piano (Right and Left Hand). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment line (Right and Left Hand). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in a hymn style, with a steady rhythm and a clear melody.

gions thee; un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with
thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -
cross mean-while we bear, the crown ere-long to

ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all
wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world

na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.
with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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 A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

#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._____

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
A period of silence follows, and then the following anthem is sung.*

The Fraction

#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 to the right side of the altar.

If you prefer to receive the bread and have a minister dip it in the chalice, please go to 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

New Every Morning is the Love

#10 Hymnal 1982



1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,
*3 If on our dai - ly course our mind
*4 Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be,
*5 The tri - vial round, the com - mon task,
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,



1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;
3 be set to hal - low all we find,
4 as more of heaven in each we see;
5 will fur - nish all we ought to ask;
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;



1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,
2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,
3 new trea - sures still, of count - less price,
4 some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer
5 room to den - y our - selves; a road
6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,



1 re - stored to life and power and thought.
2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3 God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.
4 shall dawn on ev - ery cross and care.
5 to bring us dai - ly near - er God.
6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866). Music: *Kedron*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshipping on Zoom say the following prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please kneel as you are able for the post-communion prayer.

Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by Fr. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

The wisdom of God, the love of God, and the grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

Worship continues tonight at 5pm at our High Mass.

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 30th, 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.

Lot B Update – Read All About It!

After many years and an unbelievable amount of red tape, we finally had a number of Lot B breakthroughs all at the same time! Lot B is fully subdivided and yesterday, it was listed for sale! You can see the listing is available on Zillow. Hopefully the sales process will move quickly!

Our Pumpkin Patch Will Take a Sabbatical

We have made the difficult decision to give the pumpkin patch a sabbatical year. Toby is unable to take the lead on the patch this year. With many of our usual volunteers unavailable, this seemed like a good year to take a break. The pumpkin patch has been part of our ministry since 2008 – and Toby's been leading this effort for the last 15 years. The only year we missed was 2020. Since its inception, we've sold well over \$150,000 worth of pumpkins and we've given away all of our profits to our local non-profit ministry partners. If the patch is going to reopen next year, we'll need a new volunteer to take the lead. Let Rev. Fran know if you'd like to learn more. Toby would be delighted to train a new Pumpkin King or Queen next spring so that you're ready to go in September. Please join us in offering hearty thanks and appreciation to Toby!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

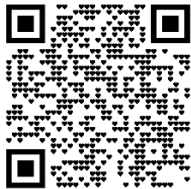
September 28th – 11:30am

Anita's Mexican Restaurant
521 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA

Please join us if you can. Our mission statement is: To provide Christian fellowship for women of St. Thomas that builds friendship and supports each other in a low-stress environment.

Fairfax Diaper Packing
September 3rd @ 10am

Fairfax Diapers is a small non-profit based in nearby Vienna. Fairfax Diapers works with around 10 community partners (food banks, churches, visiting nurses, etc.) who distribute diapers to families in need. We take the diapers out of boxes and re-package them in bags for efficient distribution to the various community partners. It usually takes between 60 and 90 minutes when we meet. It's also very satisfying work because it helps families who have a hard time paying for necessities. Scan the QR code to 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.

Vote your Values
Sept 15 and/or Oct 22, 2026
7-9pm

This non-partisan, free, on-line workshop will guide you to understand your own personal core values more deeply and give you the tools you need to identify candidates that align with them. Scan the code below to register and receive a link to the workshop.



Share Most Needed Items

Our ministry partner SHARE is always in need of food and personal care items for our neighbors in McLean, Tysons, and Pimmit Hills. The list of most needed items may be found here.



Pints with Doubting Thomas
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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

Usher Sign Up through Nov. 1 Now Live!

If you would like to try your hand at ushering, we'd love to have you on our team! This is wonderful ministry and great way to participate in Sunday services. Scan the QR code to access the sign up. If you need any help, reach out to Mary Lee maryleemontfort@gmail.com



This Week

- Monday August 31st**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Tuesday September 1st**
12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
- Wednesday September 2nd**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Thursday September 3rd**
10:00 AM: Fairfax Diapers Volunteering
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Friday September 4th**
11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship
- Sunday September 6th**
9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass