



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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

September 20, 2026

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Fr. Will Drosos

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Singing Songs of Expectation

#527 Hymnal 1982



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

gocs the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the car - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

The Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

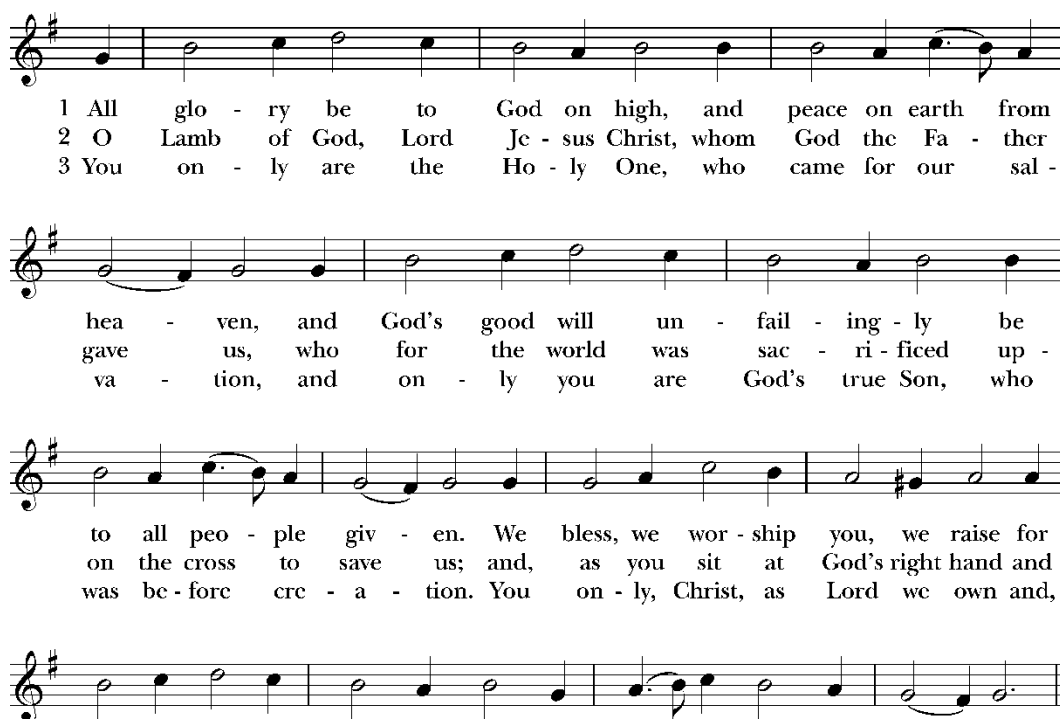
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

All Glory Be to God on High

#421 Hymnal 1982



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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The Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

A reading from the Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 (*We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse*)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee***#659 Hymnal 1982***(Verses 1,2 before the Gospel and Verses 3,4 after the Gospel)*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 (Help me the slow of heart to) move by some clear,
3 (Teach me thy pa - tience; still with) thee in clos - er,
4 (in hope that sends a shin - ing) ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy sec - ret; help me
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward feet to
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith sweet and
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly thou canst

bear the strain of toil, the fret of
stay, and guide them in the home - ward
strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver
give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me

carc. 2 Help me the slow of heart to
way. 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with
wrong, 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing
live.

1-3 Final Ending

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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. Anthony Amato

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

Litany for the Earth

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, "God of glory, hear us."

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for peace and justice around the world. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile including **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, Wade, Tobin, Toby, Steve, Jim, Bernie, and Anne.** **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the concerns of our whole earth that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud. **silence** **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers, foresters, and ecologists, and for all who work to heal our wounded earth. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for all celebrating birthdays including William Norman, Jane Frierson, Cleta Raymond, and anniversaries, including Steve & Phyllis Wickman and all those you would name. *pause* **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially Margaret Sheeran, wife of Tom Manteuffel, who died on Sunday, September 13, and Robert Everhart, interred in our Memorial Garden, on the anniversary of his death, and for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works. **God of glory, hear us.**

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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Offertory Anthem

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love

Robert J. Powell

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
to the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave,
Jesus shall His people save.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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

The Doxology

All Creatures of Our God and King

#400 Hymnal 1982, Verse 7



7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble



7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

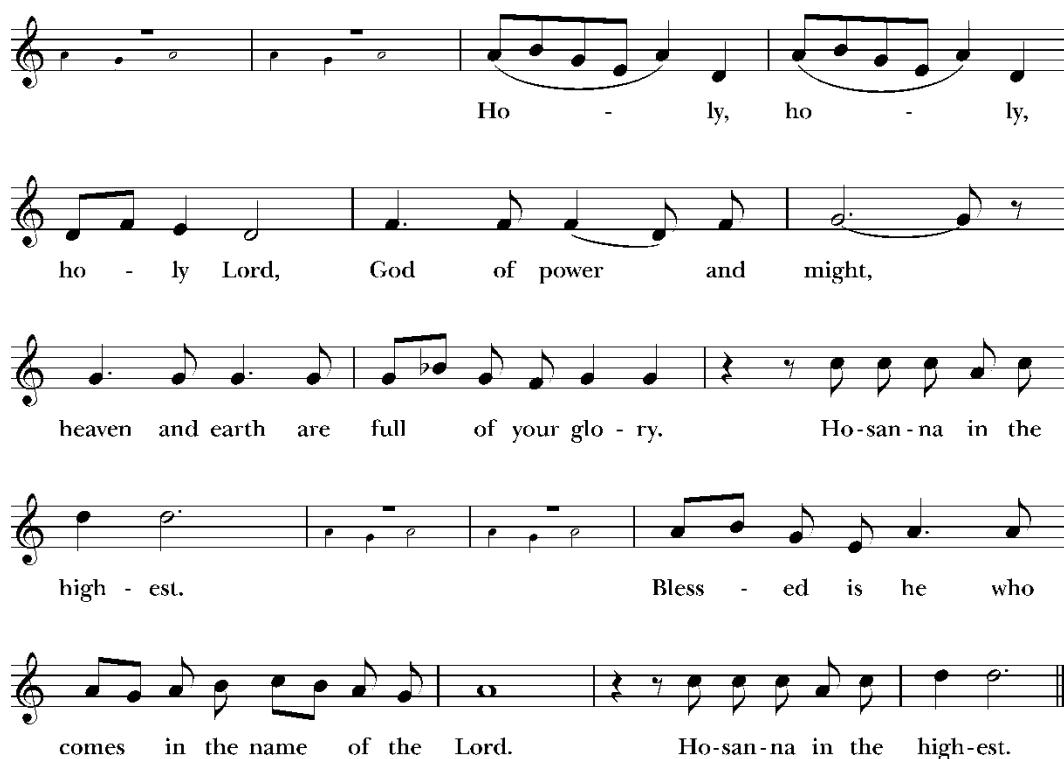
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with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

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

#S128 Hymnal 1982



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

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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

Alleluia, Christ Our Passover

#S154 Hymnal 1982

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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

Not Here for High and Holy Things

#9 Hymnal 1982



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sca,
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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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

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

Recessional Hymn***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

#685 Hymnal 1982

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are provided for three verses. The first verse is the most common: 'Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know, While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone; when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power. in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling. Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.' The second and third verses are variations of the first. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Fr. Will Drosos
Preacher	Mr. Anthony Amato
Acolyte	Mary & Bonnie Coogan
Altar Guild	Louise Armitage
Flower Guild	Sarah Thompson
Digital Usher	Bruce Allan
Digital Verger	Jeff Crigler
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Smith
Lector & Intercessor	Pat Smith
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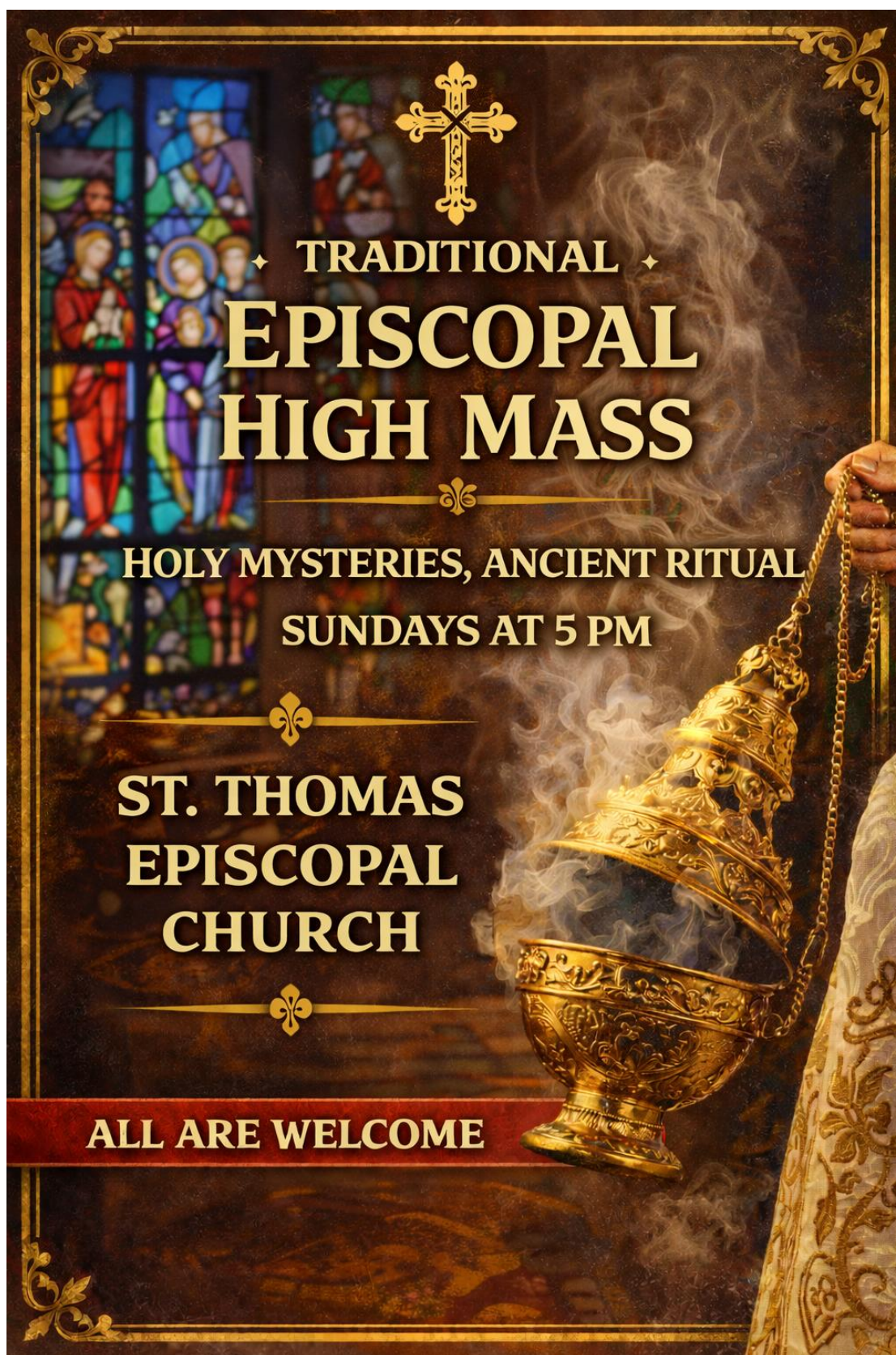
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PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

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

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**The Skinny at St. Thomas
Sunday, September 20th, 2026**



More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

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**ECW Meeting this Sunday
September 20 @ 11:30**

Please join us for our ECW meeting - either in person in the ELC conference room or via Zoom. The Zoom information may be found in *This Week at St Thomas*.

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**Recital for Voice Students of Dr. Lori Lind
Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30pm**

This will be a recital of German art songs and arias. A reception follows the recital.

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**The Rev. Beth Clarke Ordained to the
Priesthood Saturday, Sept 26th**

If you'd like to watch the livestream of Beth's ordination, scan the QR code below.



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**Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 6 at 7pm**

Everyone is welcome to join the next Outreach Committee meeting. It will be held via Zoom (login info to follow). If you are interested in how we at St. Thomas can make the love of Christ visible to our neighbors, both in our local community and abroad, please join us.

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Anthony Amato's Senior Sermon at VTS

Our Senior seminarian, Anthony Amato, preached his senior sermon on Monday in the VTS chapel. Scan the QR code below to hear Anthony's sermon for the Feast of the Holy Cross.



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**Seminarian Ginny Leebrick has begun her
ministry at St. Thomas**

Our Middler seminarian, Ginny Leebrick, began her ministry at St. Thomas at our parish retreat at Shrine Mont over Labor Day weekend, and here in McLean last Sunday. Ginny comes to us from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. She's looking forward to getting to share in the life and ministry of St. Thomas this year.

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**Pints with Doubting Thomas
Sept 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

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**Our Pre-School Needs Supplies!
A note from Karen Clark, ELC Director**

This school year is starting off challenging as our enrollment is very low. I am reaching out to ask the congregation for support with items we will still need but strain the budget. Below is a list of items that would help. There will be a box in the Narthex marked for ELC Donations. If you have any questions or want more information, please reach out to me at preschool@stthomasmcleanva.org.

- Most needed: Clorox wipes and Lysol spray
- Also helpful: Playdoh cups, cheap white paper plates, glue sticks
- Staples gift cards help with office supplies

Any help with these items, as well as spreading the word about our program, will be deeply appreciated. Thank you, Karen.

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**Ladies Lunch Bunch
September 28th – 11:30 a.m.
Anita's Mexican Restaurant
[521 Maple Ave E](#), Vienna**

Ladies, please join us at for lunch. Feel free to text Audrey at [\(913\) 956-7550](tel:9139567550) if you plan to attend.

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**Different Beliefs – Shared Values
Sept 27th @ 4-5:30pm**

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean VA**

Do you have any idea how many values you have in common with your neighbors? Explore some of the foundational principles of some of the world's major religions. This is an in-person and online event. To register scan the QR code below.



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Exciting News Update about ECW Plant Sale!!!

If you've been up to St. Thomas lately, you probably noticed the beautiful handiwork of our landscaping crew led by Paul de Lima. Paul and his crew visited St. Thomas on Tuesday, September 1, to work in the Memorial Garden and entrances to St. Thomas Church and the Early Learning Center Preschool. His bill for work done in the Memorial Garden was \$1012.50. Our ECW Plant sale on Sunday, May 10, 2026, made \$990! So, let's hear it for all of your support and purchasing at the ECW Plant Sale – just \$22.50 short of paying for Paul's visiting. Hooray for all of us!

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This Week

Monday September 21st

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday September 22nd

12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

7:30 pm – Voice Recital

Wednesday September 23rd

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

6:30pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

Thursday September 24th

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 25th

11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Sunday September 27th

9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship

3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)

5 pm – High Mass