



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



The oldest surviving depiction of Saint Francis is a fresco near the entrance of the Benedictine abbey of Subiaco, painted between March 1228 and March 1229.

This is our divine purpose statement. If it resonates with you, we invite you to join us.

WE BELIEVE that without exception, all people are made in God's image, loved by God, and invited into a relationship with God. Therefore, all people are welcome here no matter where they are on their spiritual journey.

WE WORSHIP God in Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We welcome all people to join us in praising God through music and in our worship services of Scripture and Sacraments as expressed through the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

WE SERVE our local, regional, and global communities in need. We are committed to reaching out to people who are hungry, homeless, suffering, persecuted, immigrants, and newcomers to our community. We remain ready to expand our outreach when new needs arise.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

October 4, 2026

10AM Memorial Garden / Hudson Hall

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

#400 Hymnal 1982



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly glows,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



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 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 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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 5:1-7

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14 *(We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse)*

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

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

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

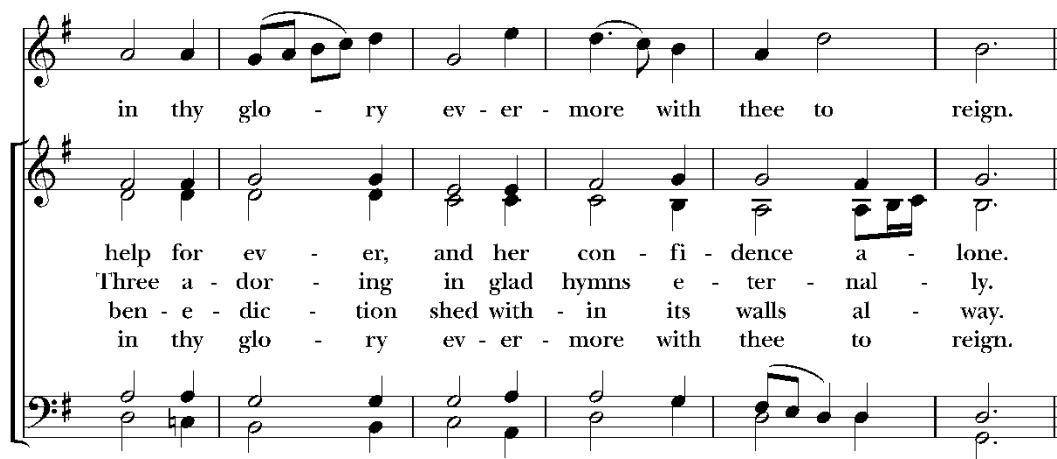
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



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The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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, Brad, Bernie, Anne, and Lucy. 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. **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 Louise Armitage, Laura Barlow, Kate Knight, and Lori Lind and anniversaries, including Scott & Claudia Johnston, and all those you would name. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially Phyllis Wickman, wife of Steve Wickman, who died on Sunday, September 27, and for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works. **God of glory, hear us.**

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing of the Animals

It is the priestly work of all God's people to give thanks for God's blessings, to ask for and lend assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is our work of blessing. Recognizing God's love for these creatures, I invite you to bring forward the animals entrusted to your care, one by one, and to join me in the laying on of hands in prayer.

The animals are brought forward to be blessed individually by name, using these or similar words

Friend and companion: May God your creator preserve, bless, and keep you, this day and always.

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. *Psalm 51:17-18*



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

You may be seated for the Offertory Anthem.

Offertory Anthem

Be Still

Rick Sowash

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know God.

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:



Refrain

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

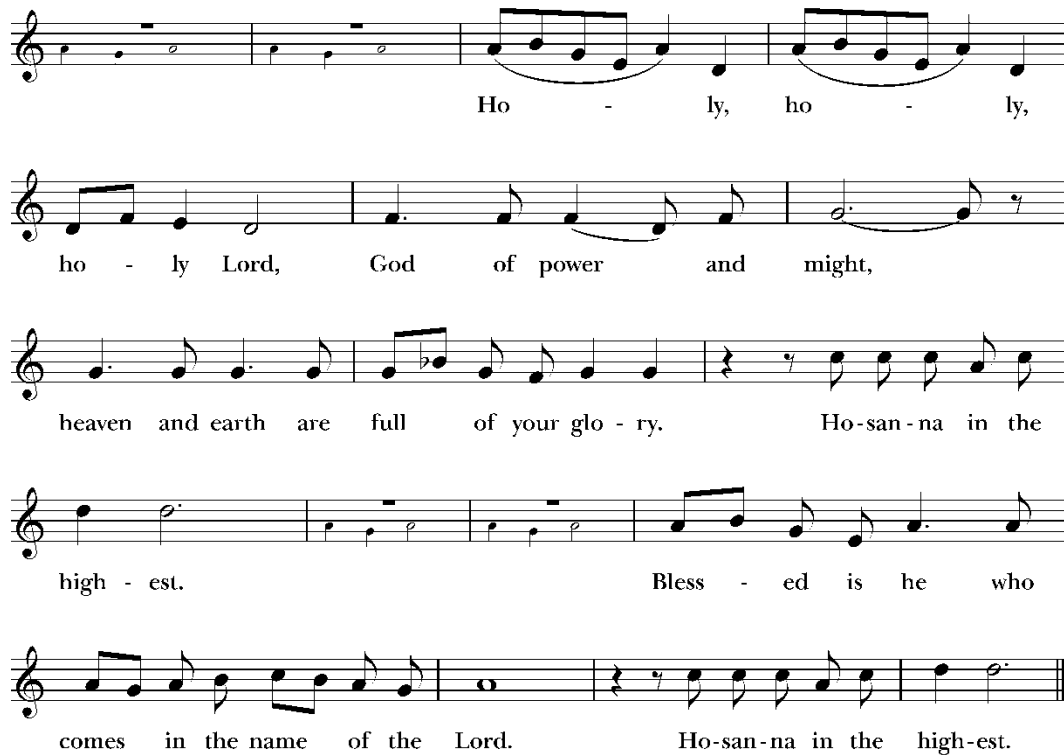
Lift up your hearts.

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. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son. 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:



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.
If you desire prayers for healing—for yourself or for others—please come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.

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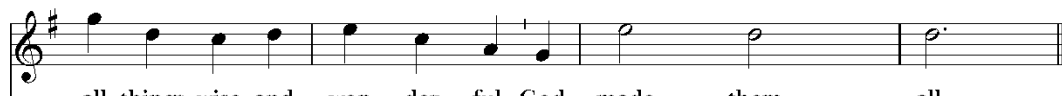


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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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*

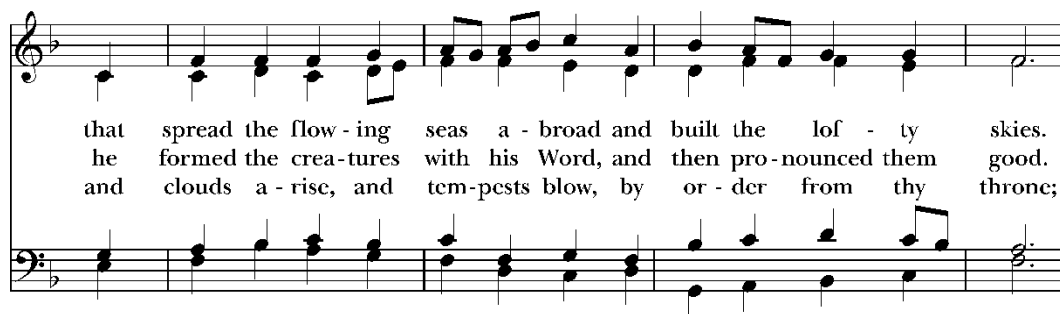
The Blessing

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.**

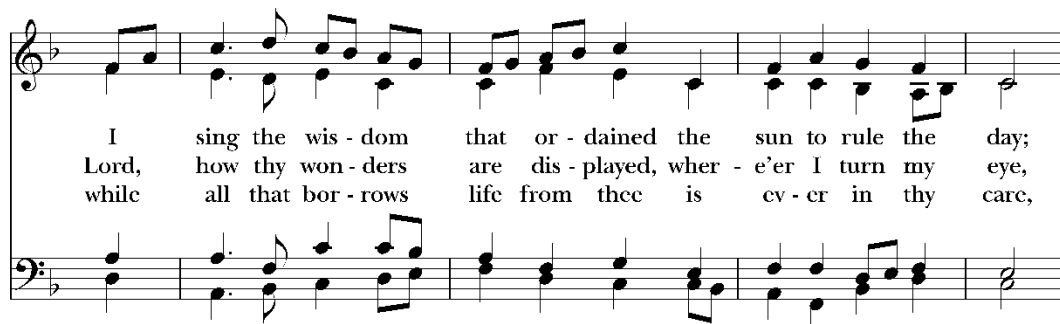
Announcements



1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude



The altar flowers are given by Betsy Heilman in memory of her husband Michael Heilman.

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Fr. Will Drosos
Acolyte	Mary & Bonnie Coogan
Healing Minister	Rev. David Smith
Altar Guild	Anne Spear
Flower Guild	Sarah Thompson
Eucharistic Minister	Scott Johnston
Lector & Intercessor	Debby Reed
Usher	Lynne Montgomery
Fellowship Hour Host	Louise Armitage
Counters	Jim Ventrini

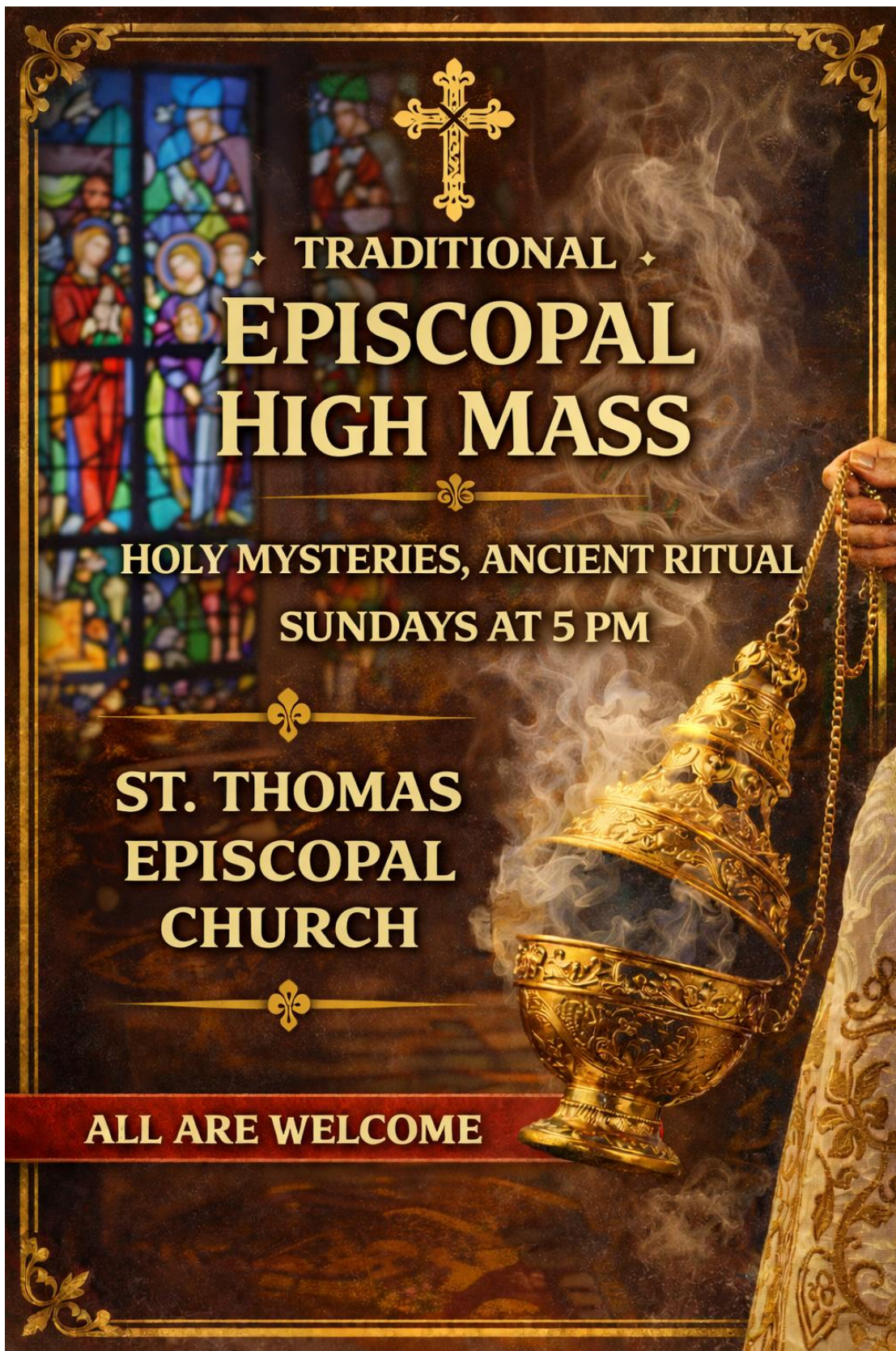
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*Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified.
Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life
according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that 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, October 4th, 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.

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 in *This Week At St. Thomas*). 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.

Pints with Doubting Thomas
2nd & 4th Wednesdays in Hudson Hall

Have Questions? We've got you! Our Adult Forum offers an engaging and intellectually stimulating experience that goes deeper than traditional Sunday School. We will have a variety of snacks and drinks, and you are free to bring your own. Reach out to Fr. Will with questions!

Please Remember our Pre-School Needs Supplies!

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

Ladies Lunch Bunch
Monday, October 26 @ 11:30AM.
Red's Table
South Lakes Shopping Center
11150 South Lakes Dr., Reston

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

Coffee Hour - Hosting Opportunities

We are seeking hosts for refreshments which will be served following the 10:00am service each Sunday. You can sign up using the QR code below. We ask hosts to provide 2-3 items, including fresh fruit or veggies, and you can indicate if you'd like to make the coffee. Scan the QR code below to sign up or contact the parish admin at susan.schreiner@stthomasmcleanva.org.



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.



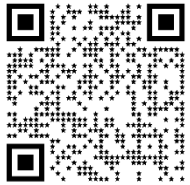
More Opportunities to Show Your Ushering Skills!

We still need ushers for November 8th. Scan the QR code below to sign up or contact the parish admin at susan.schreiner@stthomasmcleanva.org.



Vote your Values
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 QR code below to register and receive a link to the workshop.



This Week

- Monday October 5th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Tuesday October 6th**
12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
7 pm – Outreach Committee Meeting
- Wednesday October 7th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
- Thursday October 8th**
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
4:30 pm – Women Gathering
- Friday October 9th**
11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship
- Saturday October 10th**
7:30 am – Men Eating Breakfast
- Sunday October 11th**
10 am – Worship
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass