ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints' Day



Giusto de' Menabuoi, Paradise, ca. 1378. Dome fresco, Padua Baptistery, Italy.

The Visitation of The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
With Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 AM ~ November 1, 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. Children are welcome to stay with us in the sanctuary and are encouraged to be full participants in the worship service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome **Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith**

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* **#618 Hymnal 1982**





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The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Collect for Baptism

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson **Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Psalm 34:1-10,22</u> (*We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse*)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson **1 John 3:1-3**

A reading from the First Letter of John.

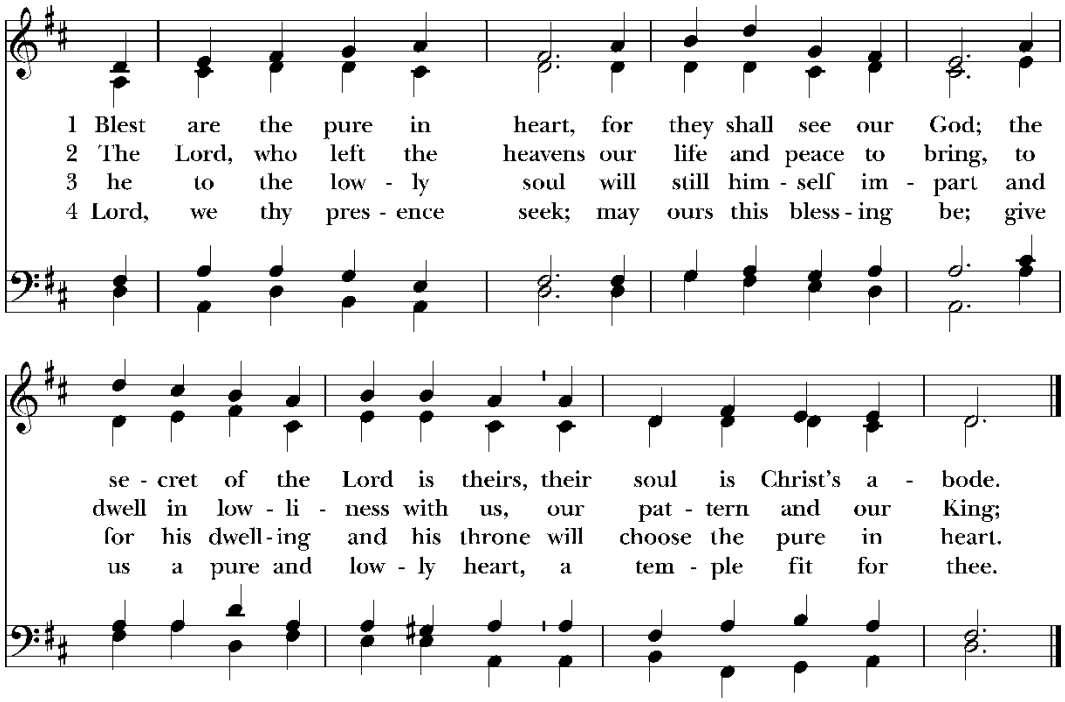
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 *Blest are the Pure in Heart* **#656 Hymnal 1982**

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



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

The Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon **The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia**

Candidates for Baptism

Autumn Grimes

Candidates for Confirmation

Bonnie Coogan
Mary Coogan
Mahan Mohammadi
Mojan Mohammadi
Lynne Montgomery
Sarah Thompson
Hudson Wood
Holly Zarazinski (for Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria)

Candidate for Reception

Mary Schaefer

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Bishop asks the following questions of the candidate.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

Bishop The other Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *N.* for Confirmation.

I present *N.* to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidate I do.
Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers: **Ethan, Vincent, Lynn, Emily and Dave, Yusuf, Erin, Andy, Diane, Alison, Bill, Chuck, Skeets, Debby, Karen, Tricia, Janette, Barry, Abby, Kathy, Wes, Yan, Eric and Em, Dan, Eddie, Joe, Audrey, Richard, Larry, Cameron, Tobin, Toby, Steve, Jim, Brad, Bernie, Anne, Lucy, Henry, Deborah,** and those whom you would name [pause]. We remember Adam Guash-Melendez, friend of Scott Johnston, who died last week, and Michael Heilman and Phyllis Wickman, friends of the congregation who have died since last All Saints Day. In your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Emily Firlej, Dolly Mastrangelo, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Alan & Janette Thode, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and those blessings you would name [pause]. In your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
People **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Candidate is presented by name to the Bishop.

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Then the Bishop places a hand on the candidate's head, marking the sign of the cross on their forehead, and saying:

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until she comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

N., Receive the light of Christ.

Bishop Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Confirmation and Reception

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Silence may be kept.

Bishop
Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says
Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. **Amen**.

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen**.

Bishop
Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

It's Easy to Give Electronically to St. Thomas! Scan the QR code or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website: www.stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate.

THE LOOSE PLATE OFFERING TODAY WILL BE GIVEN TO BISHOP STEVENSON FOR HIS DISCRETIONARY FUND. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

You may be seated for the Offertory Anthem.

Offertory Anthem *When I Can Read My Title Clear* **Lori Larson**

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to ev'ry fear, and wipe my weeping eyes.
I feel like I'm on my journey home.

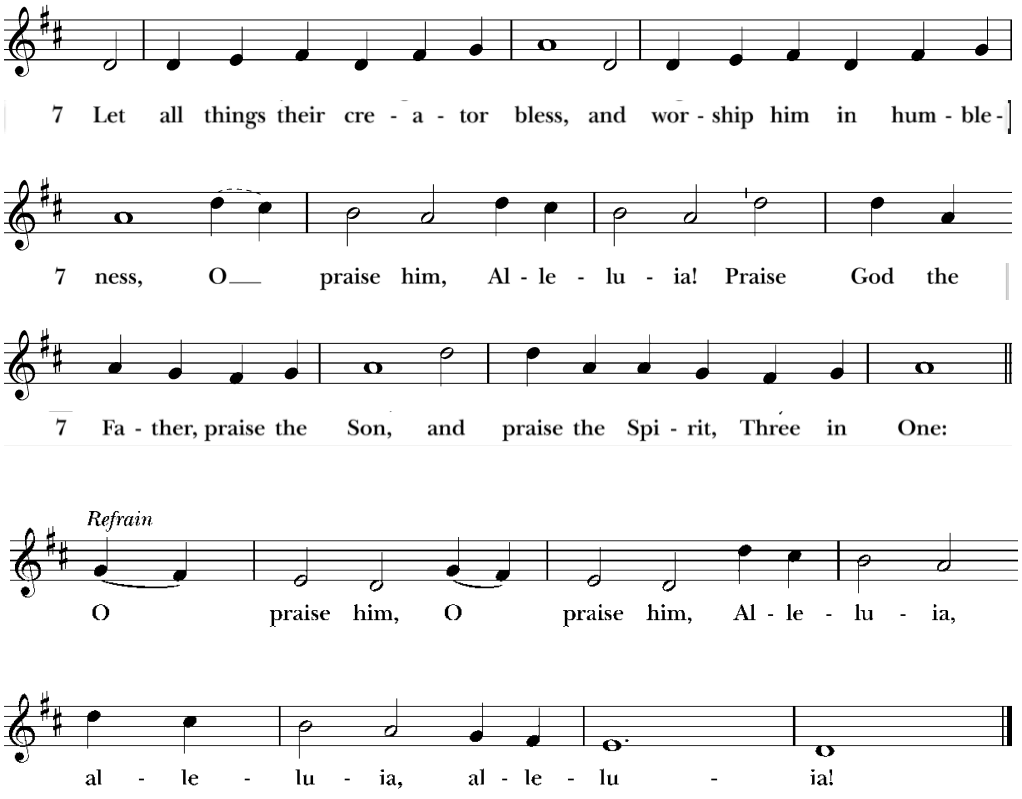
Should earth against my soul engage, and fiery darts be hurl'd,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning world.
I feel like I'm on my journey home.

Let cares, like a wild deluge come, let storms of sorrow fall,
So I but safely reach my home, my God, my heav'n, my all.
I feel like I'm on my journey home.

There I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heav'nly rest;
and not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast.
I feel like I'm on my journey home.

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**



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

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer A**

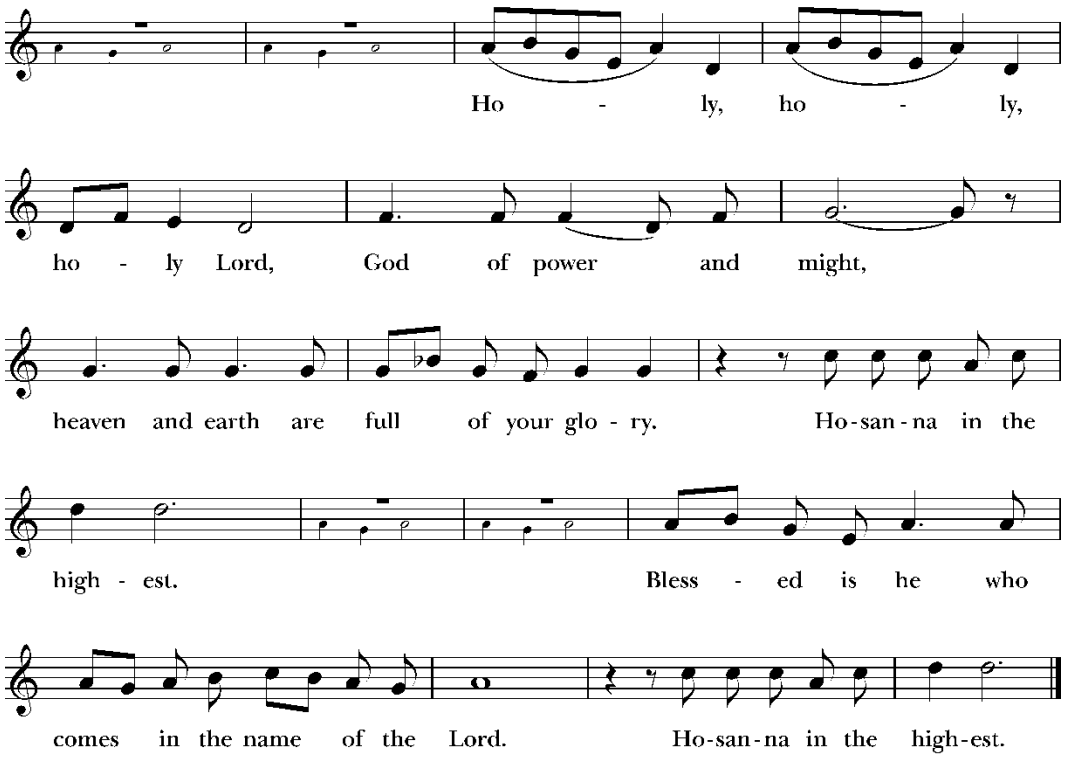
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* **#S128 Hymnal 1982**



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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."

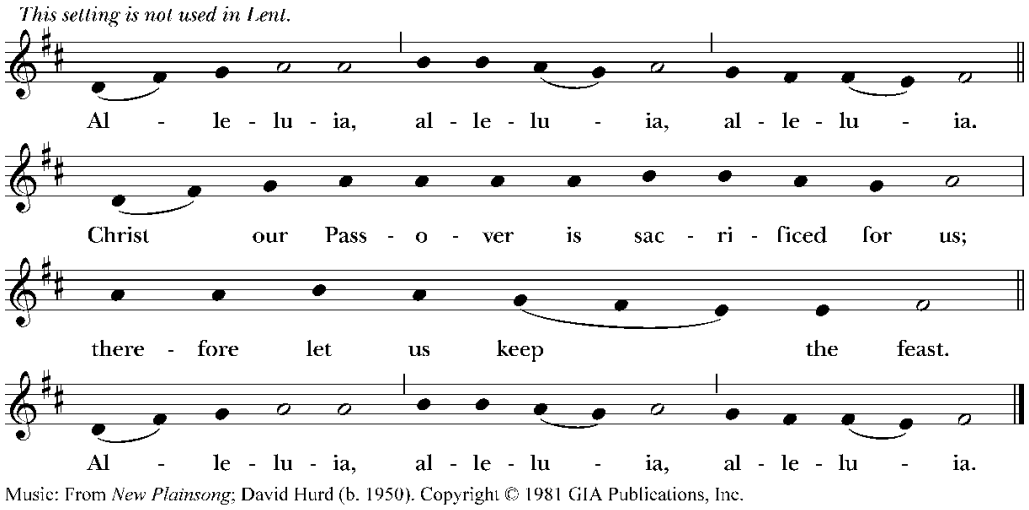
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

<u>The Fraction</u> *Alleluia, Christ Our Passover* **#S154 Hymnal 1982**



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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Communion Hymn *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* **#620 Hymnal 1982**



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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

Let us pray. **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* **#293 Hymnal 1982**

Found on the next page.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Recessional Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* **#293 Hymnal 1982**



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

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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.

A 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, November 1st, 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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. ***Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers***
Thursday, November 5th 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.

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THANKSGIVING BAGS
We're Off to an Incredible Start!

It is that time of year when we begin to collect Thanksgiving Bags for our ministry partners at Second Story. This year, you may pick up a bag and a shopping list in the Narthex (the list has changed slightly from years past so please do grab a list). Or, if you would prefer for us to do the shopping, you can make a donation on line or by placing a check in the collection plate, and we will shop for you. Then, on November 22nd, we'll assemble the Thanksgiving Bags in Hudson Hall after worship. Helpers who can help to deliver bags on Monday November 23rd at 11am are also needed. Please reach out to Fran if you have any questions!

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Proclaim the Good News
Stewardship Campaign

As of Wednesday, October 28th, we have 17 pledgers and our pledged total is $144,810. Thank you!

How to Pledge: If you have not received a pledge card, please contact Susan in the office or a member of the Stewardship team so we can get these to you. Pledges can always be made online (either via the website or by the app). Full instructions are on the Stewardship page of our website. Physical pledge cards can be returned in the mail or by dropping in the offertory plate. Even better is to take a photo of your completed card and email that to Susan.

Please plan on making your pledge in the next couple of weeks and then join us Sunday, November 15th, as we gather to bless the pledges.

Toby Bush, Melinda Fairchild, Rick Montfort, Steve Wickman, & Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith, Fr. Will Drosos

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ECW Book Club
Wednesday, November 18th @ 7:30PM
Hudson Hall & Zoom

The book for November is "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Please join us for lively discussion and fellowship. Contact the parish office for the Zoom information.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch
Monday, November 16th @ 11:30AM
Anita's Mexican Restaurant
521 Maple Ave E, Vienna VA

Ladies, please join us at Anita's for lunch. Feel free to text Audrey at (913) 956-7550 if you plan to attend.

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Shakespeare Opera Theatre Presents
Amahl and the Night Visitors
Dec 11-20th in Hudson Hall

Shakespeare Opera Theatre kicks off their 2026-27 Season with the charming and meaningful Christmas story Amahl and the Night Visitors. Sung in English, this accessible one act is the perfect introduction to opera for kids and adults alike, and a wonderful way to remember the true meaning of the season. Join us this December 11th-20th in our own Hudson Hall for crafts, treats and fun before and after, and shop the Christmas market to benefit our local partners sponsored by the ECW of St. Thomas. Invite family, friends and neighbors, grab flyers from the narthex, post to social media and in emails, and share the love! Tickets available now at Shakespeareoperatheatre.com

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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.

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Thank you & an Invitation from the Early Learning Center

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated supplies to the ELC. They will help us keep the school clean and germ free! Please continue to spread the work about our school program.

The ELC is having a program on November 11th at 9:30 to honor all our Veterans. All members of the congregation and especially any Veterans are welcome to join us for light refreshments and a short program including remarks from a few Veterans and songs from the children. Please let Karen know if you plan to attend so she has a count of how many to expect. A special thank you to all our Veterans.

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This Week

Monday November 2
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
Tuesday November 3
12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wednesday November 4
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
Thursday November 5
10:00 am – Fairfax Diapers Volunteering
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
Friday November 6
11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship
Sunday November 8
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass