ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

and The Baptism of Henry Paul Woodard



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

November 15, 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.

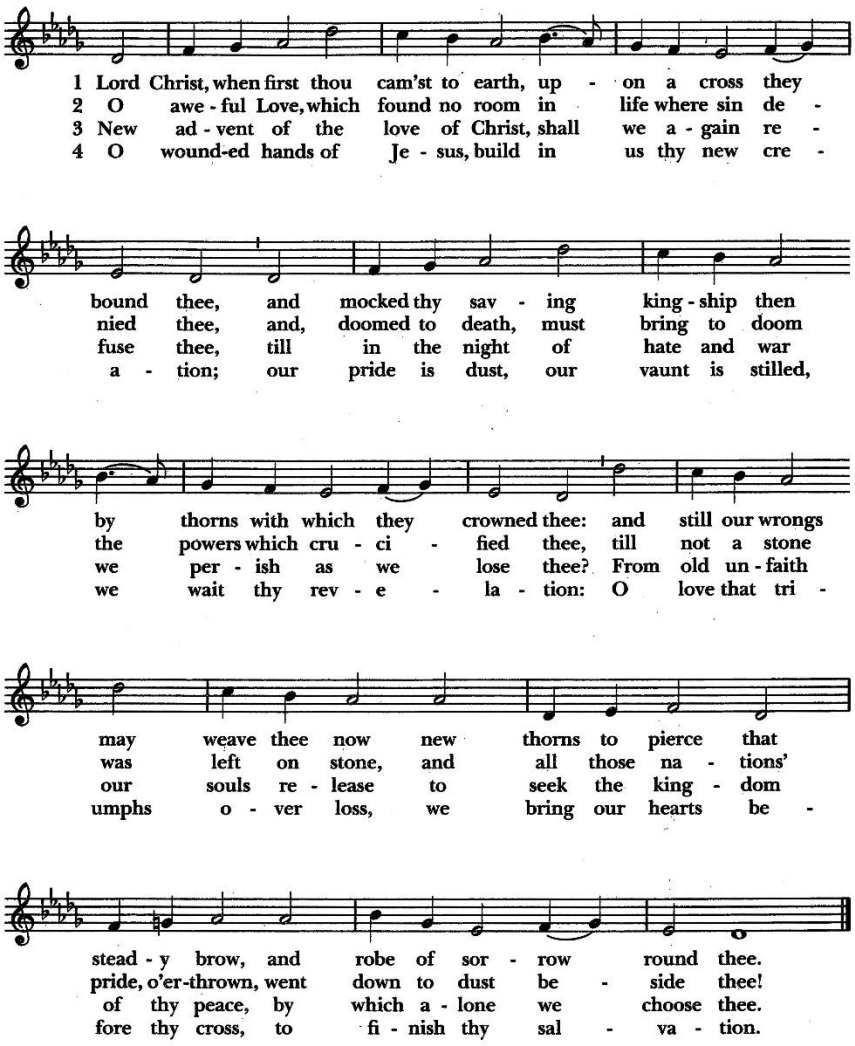
THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome — **Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith**

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn *Lord Christ, When Thou First Cam'st to Earth* **#598 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8,12 (*We will pray a portion of the psalm responsively by half verse*)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

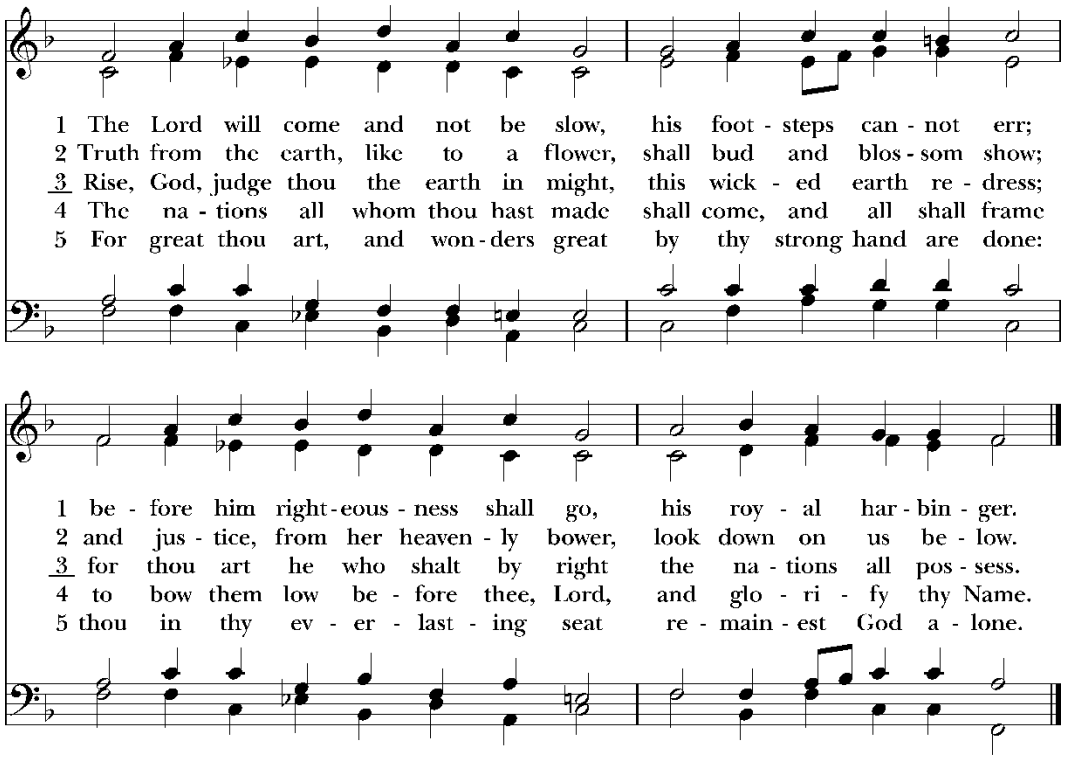
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 *The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow* **#462 Hymnal 1982**

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



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The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;

you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon **Fr. Will Drosos**

The Baptism of Henry Paul Woodard

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Godparents	I present Henry Paul Woodard to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents & Godparents	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents & Godparents	I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Henry.

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.

After Henry has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

Celebrant Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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 Candidate

Let us now pray for Henry who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver Henry, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers: especially **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, Eddie, Joe, Audrey, Richard, Larry, Cameron, Tobin, Toby, Steve, Jim, Brad, Anne, Lucy, Henry, Deborah, Cheryl,** and those whom you would name [*pause*]. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Betsy Heilman, Claudia Johnston, and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Paul & Dorene Ryder, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and those blessings you would name [*pause*]. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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 Celebrant 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

Henry is presented by name to the Celebrant saying:

Priest: Please name the candidate.

Parents and Godparents: Henry Paul Woodard

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

Then the Priest places a hand on his head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

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

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, Henry, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

When Henry has been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant 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.

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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You may be seated for the Offertory Anthem.

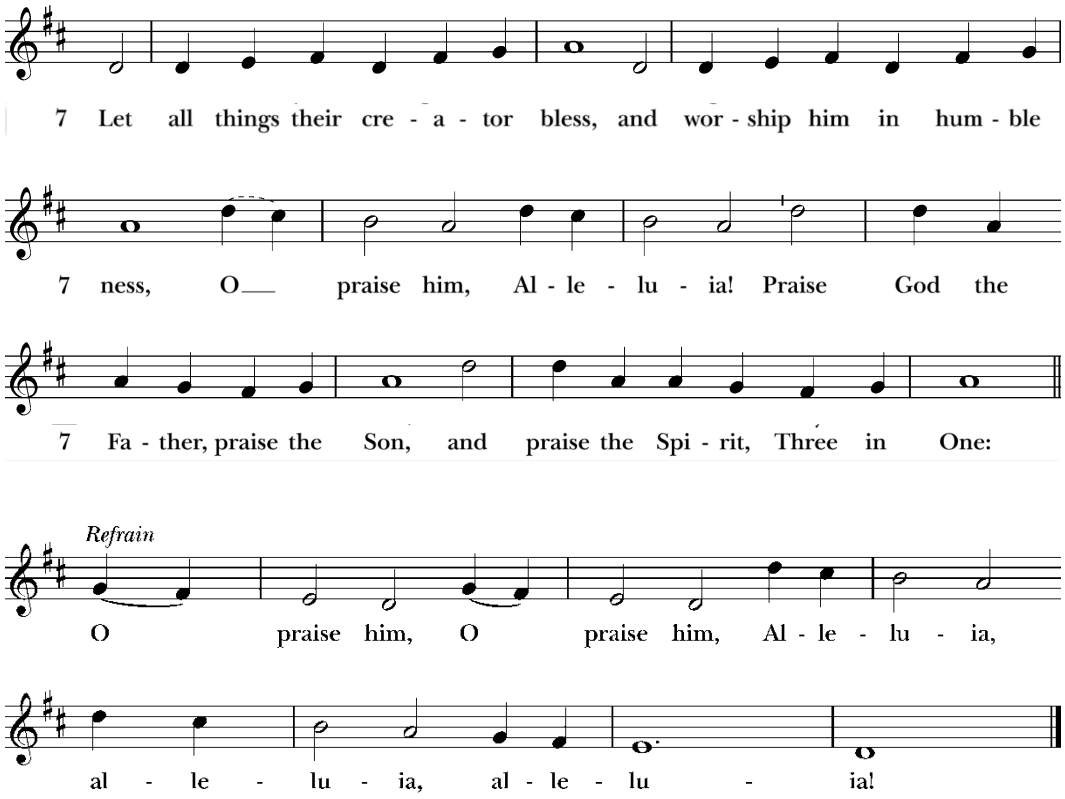
Offertory Anthem *All is Summer*

Traditional Shaker Hymn arr. Susan Matsui

High o'er the billows we are wafted along,
Angel wing carry us;
Not one ripple to break on our song,
All is peace before us.
All is concert, all is summer,
while to heaven we are going;
But in the desert we're leaving behind,
The wint'ry winds are blowing.
Come, let us journey now as children of light,
In the Lord's righteousness,
Shadows fall away, Virtue is bright,
Justice, truth before us.
All illumined, when the light shines,
Makes the darkness fade unknowing;
Wake now, O Sleeper and rise from the dead
for Christ, His light, is showing.

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.

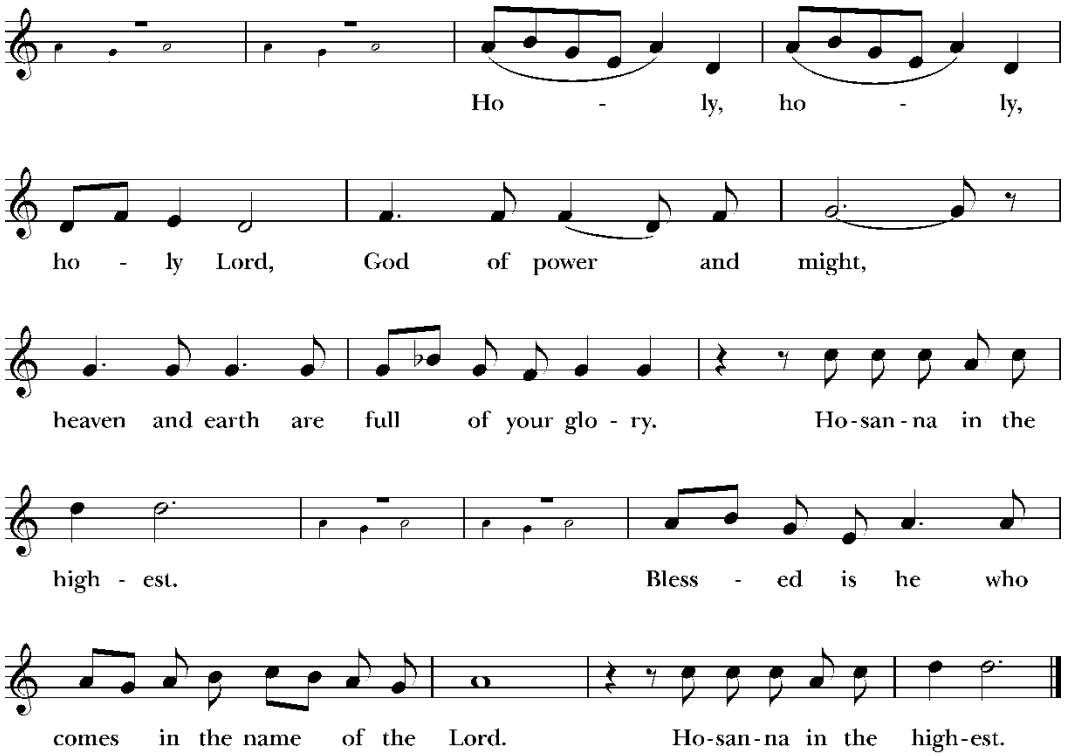
We lift them to the Lord.

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *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:

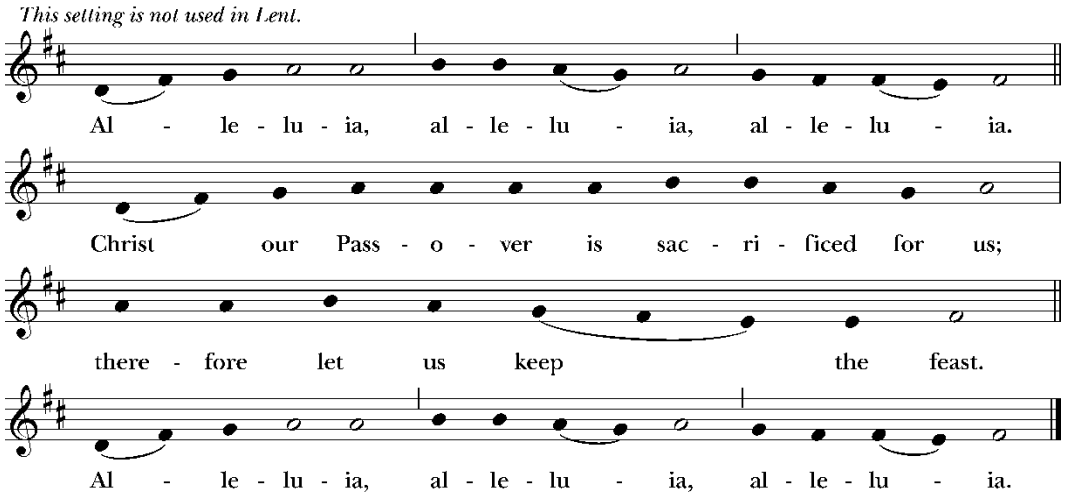
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

The Fraction *Alleluia, Christ Our Passover* **#S154 Hymnal 1982**



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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.

Communion Hymn *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* **#617 Hymnal 1982**

Found on the next page.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

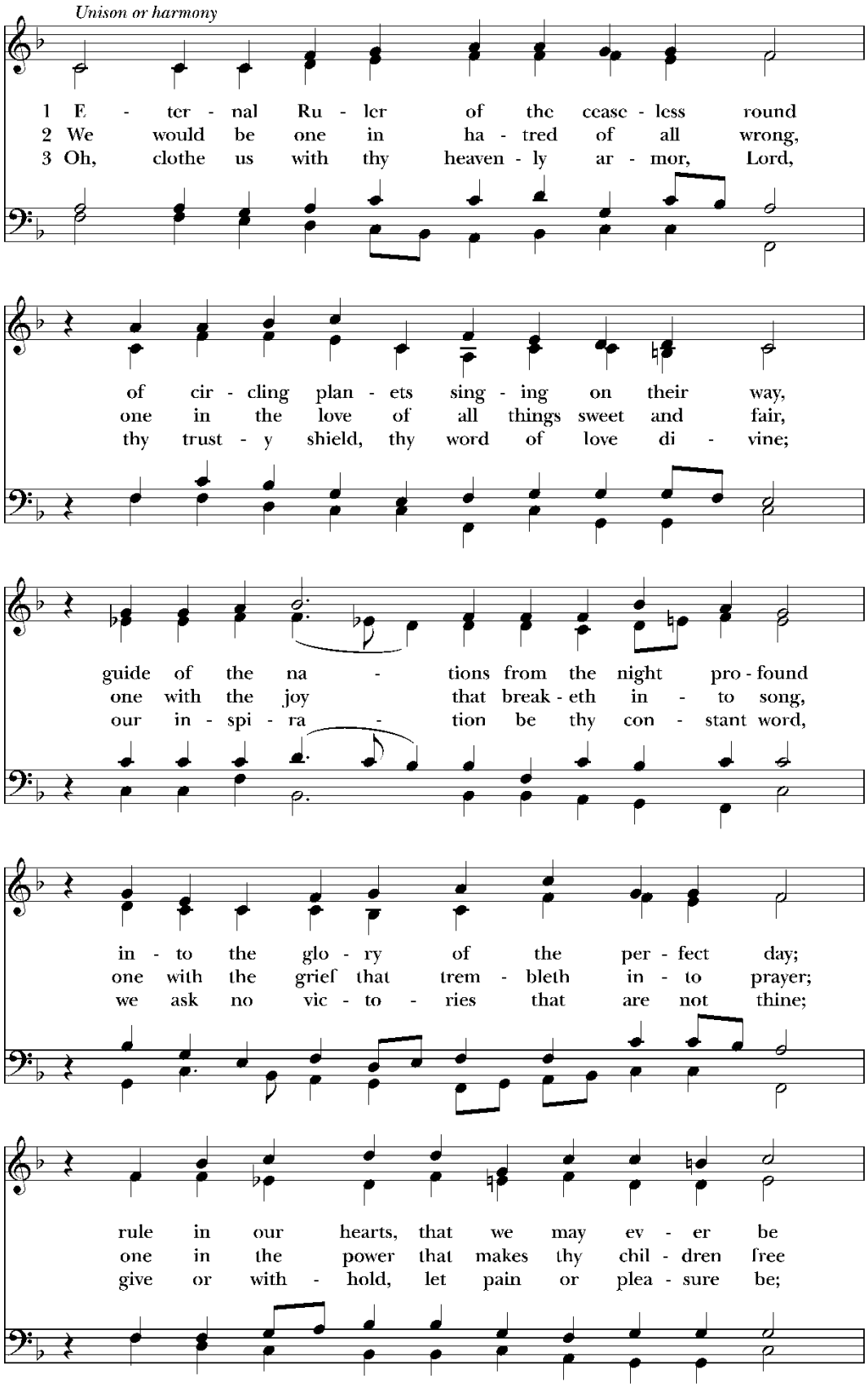
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit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

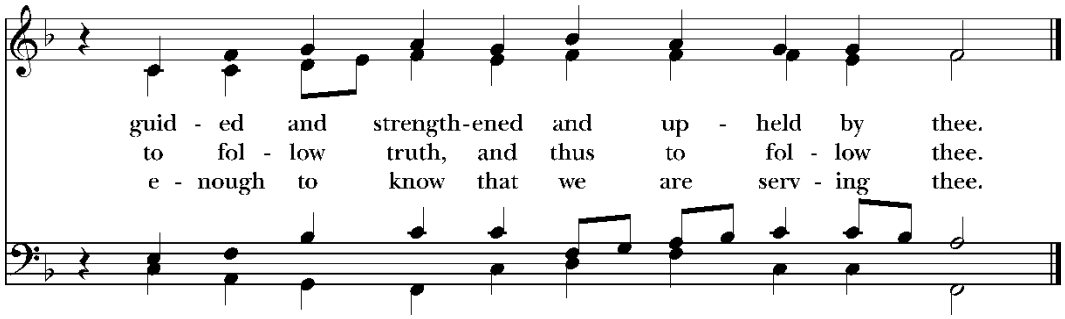
Please kneel as you are able for the post-communion prayer.

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*

Communion Hymn *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* **#617 Hymnal 1982**





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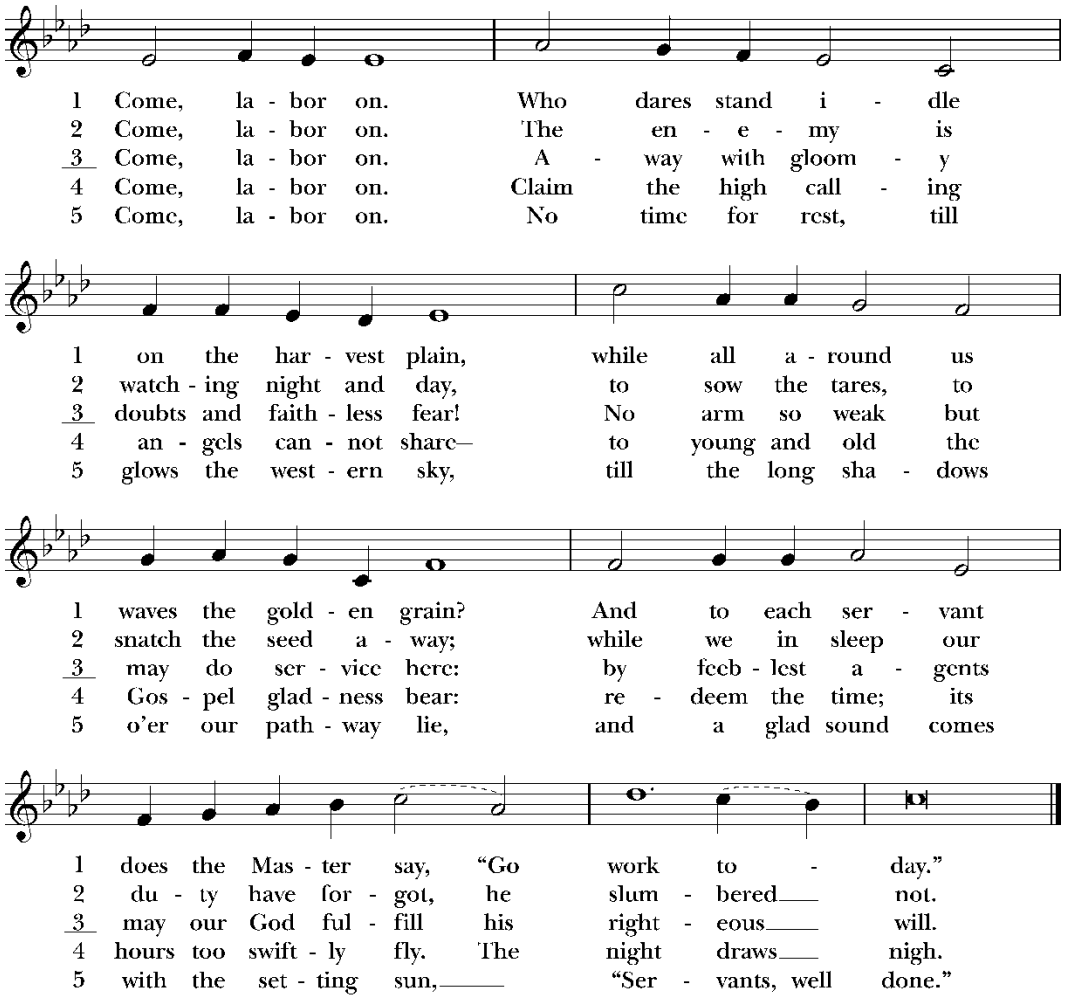
The Blessing

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 *Come, Labor On* #541 Hymnal 1982



Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Fr. Will Drosos
Acolyte	Will Ferris
Healing Minister	Ginny Leebrick
Altar Guild	Diane & Will Ferris
Flower Guild	Diane Ferris
Digital Usher	Mary Lee Montfort
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes
Eucharistic Minister	Scott Johnston
Lector & Intercessor	Ed Rhodes
Usher	Jan Hamilton
Fellowship Hour Host	Lynne Montgomery
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

OFFICE HOURS & STAFF THISE WEEK

Fr. Will is on vacation from November 16 - December 5.

The office will be closed on Monday, November 16 as both Rev. Fran and Susan will be working remotely. They are both available by phone (see phone info below) or email! There will not be a Noonday Prayer service on Monday.

The office will be open at 12pm on Tuesday, November 17 and Noon Eucharist will occur as scheduled.


St. Thomas Episcopal Church
THANKS
FOOD BAGS
FOR SECOND STORY
GIVING
Either pick up a bag in the Narthex
and fill with the following Items
Each bag should have enough to feed 6 people
Grocery Gift Card - from Aldi for least $25
Pasta or Mac & Cheese
Tomato Sauce
Cooking Oil
Dry Beans
Rice
Salt and/or Sugar
Boxed Dessert Mix
Shelf Stable Milk (like Parmalat)
Corn Flour (Maseca or similar)
BAGS MUST BE RETURNED
BY
November 22
OR Donate online and we will do the shopping - and then we will fill the bags at coffee hour on November 22nd.
HELP IS ALSO NEEDED TO DELIVER ON 11/23 AT 11 AM.
Second Story
Formerly Alternative House

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 15th, 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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Proclaim the Good News Stewardship Campaign Ingathering Sunday!

As of Thursday, Nov 12th, we have 45 pledgers and our pledged total is $351,414. 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 on 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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THANKSGIVING BAGS

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 by scanning the QR code below or by placing a check on 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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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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ECW's Treats & Treasures Sale
Sunday, Dec 6th following the 10am Service

This is a major fund raiser for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) who donate the money to local charities. Please contact Louise Armitage, ***Louise1775@gmail.com***, to help with the Treasures and Mary Lee Montfort, ***maryleemontfort@gmail.***, to help with the Treats! See this week's *TWAST* for more details.

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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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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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December Coffee Hours

Been wanting to host coffee hour, but wanted to start out slow? December is your month! Three of the four Sundays in December will be easy, so this would be a great start for anyone new to hosting! Dec. 6th, Treats & Treasures Sale: Coffee and perhaps veggies **only** (Bake Sale happening!). Dec. 13th & 20th, Shakespeare Opera Company in Hudson Hall, so both Coffee Hours will be in the Narthex and can be very simple.

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December Ushers Needed!

December is a very busy month at St. Thomas with many services and many opportunities to serve as an usher. Please consider this ministry as an important part of welcoming people into St. Thomas! Sign up by scanning the QR code below. Thank you!

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This Week

Monday November 16
Office Closed.
Tuesday November 17
12 pm – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wednesday November 18
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
1:30pm – ELC Directors Meeting
Thursday November 19
12 pm – Noonday Prayer
Friday November 20
11:00 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship
Sunday November 15
9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal
10 am – Worship
3:30 pm – Confession (with Fr. Will)
5 pm – High Mass