



Window: King David

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
The Order of Worship for
The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024 † 10:30 AM

Welcome to worship in All Saints Hall. We are remodeling our Nave to Make Room for All and improve accessibility. We expect the work to be complete by Thanksgiving.

Children are welcome in worship. Care for young children is available in the nursery if needed. Older children are invited to children's chapel before the reading of the gospel. Should you need to step out at any time, a livestream of the service will be shown in the library, located directly behind the fireplace.

Piano Prelude Great is thy faithfulness (*Quoting "Prelude in C" J.S. Bach*)

William Runyan

Welcome

Please stand as you are comfortable at the ringing of the bell

Hymn 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *unison*

BCP 355

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.

Hymn Glory to God *sing three times*

John Bell

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.
Son: Love to the Three and yet One.

Words: Traditional.
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The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect For the Nation

BCP 258

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of the scriptures.

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48 *read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk*

BCP 651

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

A reading from the Second Letter to the Church at Corinth

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

The Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among

their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *unison*

BCP 358

**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.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Give thanks for the birthdays of Sue, Judy, Jack, Messina, Christine, Tony, Owen, and Chris and the anniversaries.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for St. Thomas parishioners Martha, Mary Beth, Joe, Faye, Jenny, the Lewis family, Lily and Emma, Becca, Marie, John, Neal, Ellen, Steve, Cindy, Bernie, Rick, and Raymond; our homebound members Ramón and Maria, Carol, Bill, Jan, and William; Friends of the parish the Duane, Bruce and Kelly, Allison family, William, Ron, Johnny, Roger, Sam, Mary Louise & Family, Mason, Dan, Rick, Odell, Emma Duke, Mary, and the family and friends of Lexy McCrae and for others we name at this time, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially especially Norma, Rolene, Mike, Marianne, Mitchi, Sam, Bill, Dixie, Bob, Judy, Murray, and Judy; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that we may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

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Offertory

Offertory, Solo The Lord is my Light

Mary Frances Allitsen
Seyi Isijola, *bass*

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

Psalm 27

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C Please stand as you are comfortable.*

BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus 858

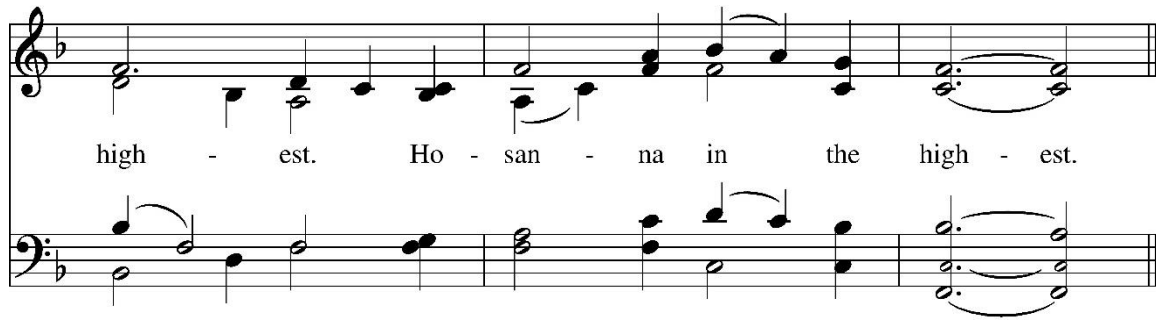
Arr. Marcia Pruner

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



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Remain as you are, or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, Bilhah, and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer *spoken in unison*

BCP 364

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.

Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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 Christians are joyfully invited to share in communion. You do not have to be a member of St. Thomas or an Episcopalian in order to receive. Come forward down the center aisle when invited by the ushers. Hold out one hand to receive the bread and then dip the bread in the cup or drink from the cup. If you prefer not to share a common cup, hold out two hands to receive the bread and wine together. If you prefer not to receive either the bread or the cup, cross your arms across your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the server know. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, let the usher know.

Music during Communion

Please sit or kneel after receiving communion and during the postcommunion prayer.

Piano You Raise me up

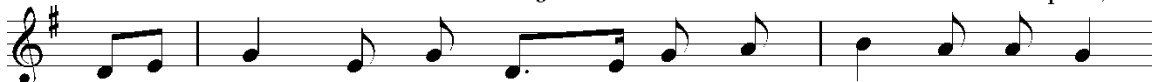
Arr. Joel Raney

Hymn 636 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

Hymn 183 God Will Take Care of You

from Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
 2. Through days of toil_ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
 3. All you may need_ He will pro- vide, God will take care of you;—
 4. No mat - ter what_ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings_ of love a - bide, God will take care of you. —
 2. When dan - gers fierce_ your path as - sail, God will take care of you. —
 3. Noth - ing you ask_ will be de - nied, God will take care of you. —
 4. Lean, wea - ry one, _ up - on His breast, God will take care of you. —

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care_ of you, God will take care_ of you. —

Words: Civilla D. Martin (1869-1948). Music: W. Stillman Martin (1862-1935).

Postcommunion Prayer *unison*

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 719 O beautiful for spacious skies

Materna

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Piano Postlude Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy; Arr. Labenske

Luise May, *piano*

Music Notes

We are so happy to have Seyi Isijola to sing at the offertory. Seyi, his wife, Nike, and his sons are members of the parish. Seyi has sung in choirs since he was a boy!

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Paul & Jo Cates in thanksgiving for their anniversary.

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Martha Carlsen, Mary Beth James, Joe Morrow, Faye Melton, Jenny Holder & family, the Lewis family, Lily and Emma Walker, Becca Nicolson, Marie Massey, John Studstill, Neal Fenter, Ellen Free, Steve Scott, Cindy Godwin, Bernie Sutter, Rick McKnight, Raymond Campbell

Homebound members: Ramón & Maria Capo, Carol Kennon, Bill Pauli, Jan Pittman, William South

Friends of the parish: Duane Hiers (*Taylor Mack*), Bruce and Kelly Doll (*Reb Kreyling*), the Allison family (*Susie Olive-Allison*), William Lacefield (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Melanie Kirkman (*Francis Woolfolk*), Ron Grant (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Johnny Garrett (*Rick McKnight*), Roger Buterbaugh (*Danny Ginter*), Sam Delgado (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Mary Louise Grable & family (*Patty Slembarski*), Mason Cullars (*Ena Hunt*), Dan Dawson (*Sandy Dawson*), Rick Schomburg (*Nelia Partain*), Odell Smith (*Marcel Meijer*), Emma Duke Bleke (*Joe Mills*), Mary (*Roxane Gwyn*), the family & friends of Lexy McCrae (*Riley Connery, Libby Meeks, Taylor Mack*)

Those with continuing concerns: Gene Wells, Frank & Pam Feagle, Carlene Pawlowicz, Ralph Wimberly, Henry Morrill, Jessica McComb, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*)

Soldiers & families at Ft. Moore and St. Thomas members & friends who are deployed: Krk Malit

Those celebrating birthdays: Sue O'Dell 7/8, Judy Heider 7/9, Jack Ceccato 7/10, Messina Akyempong 7/10, Christine DiFelicianantonio 7/11, Tony Lewis 7/12, Owen Harrison 7/12, Chris D'oyen Williams 7/13

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Those who have died: Norma Jergens 7/27/23, Rolene Stewart 8/6/23, Mike Nichols 8/31/23, Marianne Baxter 9/9/23, Mitchi Wade 11/3/23, Sam Harmon 11/25/23, Bill Thomas 11/25/23, Dixie Harmon 12/23/23, Bob Wadkins 1/11/24, Judy Harding 1/22/24, Murray Craig 4/4/24, Judy Gunter 4/6/24

Announcements

For more information about the ministries of St. Thomas, pick up our latest *Seasons* newsletter or visit our website at www.StThomasColumbus.org.

Sundays

Coffee Time: 8:45-10:15. Homemade and packaged snacks are available in the parish hall.

Formation for all ages: 9:30-10:15am

Adults meet in the Library. Adult Formation in July: Summer of Service. Join us to hear from current and potential outreach partners of St. Thomas. July 7 - Safehouse Ministries July 14 - Episcopal Community Foundation July 21 - East Carver Heights Community Development Corporation July 28 - St. Thomas Youth share about General Convention August 4 - St. Thomas Outreach Roundtable August 11 - Brewer Elementary Partnership

Tweens & Youth meet in the Youth Room: Vocation & Values Summer Series. This summer, all Teens and Tweens are invited to join in a special summer series that will showcase many different job opportunities and vocational paths. During the Sunday School hour each week, we will hear from different St. Thomas parishioners about their career, the path they took to get there, and how they apply their Christian values to their chosen vocation. *July 7: Jeremy Mack, July 14: Tom and Tanya Jones, July 21: Travis Wade, July 28: Ben Daniels and Chaz Wagner*

Children PreK- 4th grade meet in the Outreach Center: Fruits of the Spirit. Throughout the season after Pentecost, children will take a look at the “The Fruits of the Spirit” in a summer Sunday school series led by Ms. Shayla and volunteers.

Worship:

Children’s Chapel: Children follow the petite cross to the Chapel before the Gospel reading and return for Holy Eucharist at the Peace.

Children's lectionary bulletins can be found in the busy bags located under the wooden table at the rear of All Saints’ Hall.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays Eucharist: 5:30 in the Chapel. This brief Eucharist focuses on a saint being celebrated that day or week, using an updated version of the Eucharistic prayer with more expansive language for God and people. This service will continue through summer. Thanks to our altar guild for making this possible.

News for this week

Lunch and Games @ The Rectory: *Sunday, July 7 noon - 2:30* All middle school and high school youth are invited to Rev. Grace’s home for a fun afternoon of board games and fellowship! This Summer Social will take place at the rectory, located behind St. Thomas.

Volunteer with St. Thomas at the Food Bank: *Monday, July 8, 9 am - noon* Volunteer sorting food, packing buddy packs and more. Tour the new air-conditioned volunteer center and learn more about the work of Feeding the Valley. Closed toed shoes required. Children & youth are welcome with an adult. This is also the St. Thomas Excursion for July. Let us know you’re coming!

Lunch Bunch: *July 9, 11:30 Parker’s Pantry* All women are invited to gather for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month beginning April 9th. We will meet at Parker’s Pantry at 11:30.

After each person orders in the line, we will gather in the private dining room. At noon, there will be a brief prayer and devotion.

St. Thomas Book Group: *July 12, 11 am* July: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick NOTE: The group will meet on July 12 (the second Friday of July instead of on July 5.) An informal group, everyone is welcome. Come and bring your friends. Call Martha Mullinax or Linnea Grosse for further information.

Upcoming & Ongoing

Episcopal Community Foundation Sunday *Sunday, July 14, 9:30-10:15 in the Library* On Sunday, July 14, the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia will lead an informational session on the spiritual and material importance of supporting people who are poor and oppressed through legacy giving. Join us at 9:30 in the Library to learn how Episcopalians in our parish and around the Diocese are caring for the least among us as well as providing ongoing sustainability for St. Thomas for many years to come. Many in our Diocese are familiar with the grants that ECF provides to parishes and their nonprofit partners. Several years ago, St. Thomas partnered with ECF on a grant for El Refugio. At this presentation, we will have a chance to learn more about how ECF is able to not only continue this work, but also help St. Thomas continue our good work in the future through legacy giving, which includes bequests, gifts of assets and appreciated securities, gifts from tax-deferred funds such as IRAs, life income gifts, and more. Everyone needs an estate strategy, and estates of every size can make a lasting contribution to help the church continue loving like Jesus.

Sermons this Summer: Theology on Stage. Join us this summer for sermons focused on Jesus but with an eye toward familiar stories from the stage. On dates not listed, a different preacher will be with us. *July 7 - Shrek, July 28 - Music Man, August 4 - West Side Story*

Young Adult July Social: *July 19, 6pm at Columbus Axe* Join Young Adults in July for a fun night of Axe Throwing! Contact Taylor for more information.

Vacation Bible School: *July 22 – 26, 9 am – 1 pm each day.* All children (rising preK-5th grade) are invited to participate in ReNew: The Green VBS. ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service. Kids will have the chance to grow in faith as they play, learn, and sing all while serving their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun. Registration coming soon! Volunteers are needed to offer the best VBS to the children of our community! Youth (rising 6th-12th grade) are encouraged to volunteer as shepherds. Adults are needed to lead classes, help with food preparation, and manage drop off/pick up. If you are interested in volunteering, please email taylor@stthomascolumnbus.org.

Summer Choir: Summer Choir is an intergenerational, unvested (no robes!) choir. Each Sunday the Summer Choir meets at 9:55 in the Chapel to go over the hymns to support the congregational singing during the service. Come for a week or come for the summer. Anyone is welcome to sing with Summer Choir as often as you'd like! Thanks to Debbie Anderson and Hunter Mullen for leading.

Altar Flowers: The giving of Altar Flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember our loved ones. In addition to enhancing the beauty of worship, the name(s) of those being honored or remembered and the name(s) of the donor will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. A contribution of \$75 is requested for altar flowers prepared by the Flower Guild,

or you may order flowers from a professional florist if you prefer. Sign up online or contact the church office for the schedule. More info at stthomascolumbus.org/altar-flowers/

Evening Prayer: *Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 5:45 or so on Zoom.* We gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays online at 5:30 for a brief time of prayer in the evening. The link is available on our LinkTree.

Prayer Group: The St. Thomas Prayer Group meets weekly to offer all kinds of prayers, including Prayers of the People shared on Sunday mornings. We also pray for those who have asked for prayers but wish them to be private. This list is confidential to the Prayer Group. Contact the church office to request prayers or to find out about being a part of the Prayer Group. The group meets in person in the Chapel at St. Thomas the first Monday of each month and online on other Mondays.

QR Code for signups! Use the QR code to find a list of current signups at St. Thomas including Wednesday night dinners! New to QR codes? Open the camera on your smartphone (or a QR reader), point at the black and white code box, when prompted push the link that shows up on your screen.



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