



Window: The Last Supper

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
The Order of Worship for
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 Larghetto

by J.S. Bach

Welcome

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

Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from c -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
on the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to
self to reign and as priests, his
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn
sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807); desc. Michael Y. Young, (b. 1939).
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, 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*

Carl Haywood

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —". The piano accompaniment includes chords and melodic lines in both the right and left hands.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Mass for Grace*. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of the scriptures.

A reading from Proverbs

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The statutes of the LORD rejoice the heart.

A B

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| <p>A 1 The heavens declare the glory of <u>God</u>, *
and the firmament shows his <u>handiwork</u>.</p> <p>B 2 One day tells its tale to <u>another</u>, *
and one night imparts knowledge to <u>another</u>.</p> <p>A 3 Although they have no words or <u>language</u>, *
and their voices are not <u>heard</u>.</p> <p>B 4 Their sound has gone out into all <u>lands</u>, *
and their message to the ends of the <u>world</u>. [ANT.]</p> <p>5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the <u>sun</u>; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its <u>course</u>.</p> <p>6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it <u>again</u>; *
nothing is hidden from its burning <u>heat</u>.</p> <p>7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the <u>soul</u>; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the <u>innocent</u>.</p> <p>8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the <u>heart</u>; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the <u>eyes</u>. [ANT.]</p> | <p>9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for <u>ever</u>; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.</p> <p>10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much <u>fine gold</u>, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the <u>comb</u>.</p> <p>11 By them also is your servant <u>enlightened</u>, *
and in keeping them there is great <u>reward</u>.</p> <p>12 Who can tell how often he <u>offends</u>? *
cleanse me from my secret <u>faults</u>. [ANT.]</p> <p>13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion <u>over me</u>; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great <u>offense</u>.</p> <p>14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your <u>sight</u>, *
O LORD, my strength and my <u>redeemer</u>. [ANT.]</p> |
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Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.

Prayers of the People *Form IV*

BCP 388

In the silence following each petition, we invite you to offer your prayers aloud or in your heart.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

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

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 Martin, Matthew, Avery, Alice, J.D, Donna, Ena, Bruce, Patti, Bennett, Zora, Elyse, Linda, Barbara, Mandy, Molly, Freeman, Lovick, Melissa, Karen, Bryce and Stefania; and the anniversaries of Ben & Brittany, Jon & Jessica, Skip & Dawn, Kenny & Mickie, Bonnie & William.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially St. Thomas parishioners Charlotte, Chris, Amy, Sherry, John, Nicole, Deborah and Steve, Stewart, Korie, Lily and Emma, Becca, Marie, John, Neal, Ellen, Steve, Cindy, Bernie, and Raymond; our homebound members Ramón and Maria, Carol, Bill, Jan, and William; friends of the parish Andrew, James, Ron, and Rick; and for others we name at this time; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom; especially Mitchi, Sam, Bill, Dixie, Bob, Judy, Murray, Judy and Rick; may they go from strength to strength in the service of your reign.

Silence God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. **Amen.**

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

Thanksgiving for our Altar Guild *adapted from the National Altar Guild Prayer*

O Lord Jesus Christ, you welcomed the ministry of faithful people during your earthly life; We give thanks for the work our altar guild undertakes in the care of your sanctuary. Grant them a spirit of reverence for your house and worship, your Word and Sacraments, and preserve in purity and holiness their souls and bodies as living temples of Your presence. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts.

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Offertory

St. Thomas Choir Lord, Here Am I

Stephen Paulus

Lord, here am I, send me, send me to walk in your wonder,
run in your river, wash in your water, feast in your freedom.
Holy is the Lord of hosts and the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, here am I, send me, send me to go in your glory,
eat in your Easter, cry in your Christmas, sing in your silence.
Holy is the Lord of hosts and the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, here am I, send me, send me to hope in your heaven,
mind in your mercy, serve in your Spirit, joy in your Jesus.
Holy is the Lord of hosts and the whole earth is full of his glory.

Send me, send me, Lord.

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

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 851

from Wonder, Love, and Praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are several triplet markings in the piano part, particularly in the final system. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Remain as you are, or kneel

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.

Antiphon

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

of the bread. 2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu

All repeat Antiphon

ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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Invitation to Communion

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. Go to the farthest end of the altar rail and stand or kneel. 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. Be aware that people may be kneeling behind you.

Anthem Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Aberystwyth, Setting by Hal Hopson
Jeffrey Oakman, Katie Holbrook, Isiah Harper, *soloists*

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Hymn 312 Strengthen for Service, Lord

Malabar



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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Hymn 757 Will you come and follow me

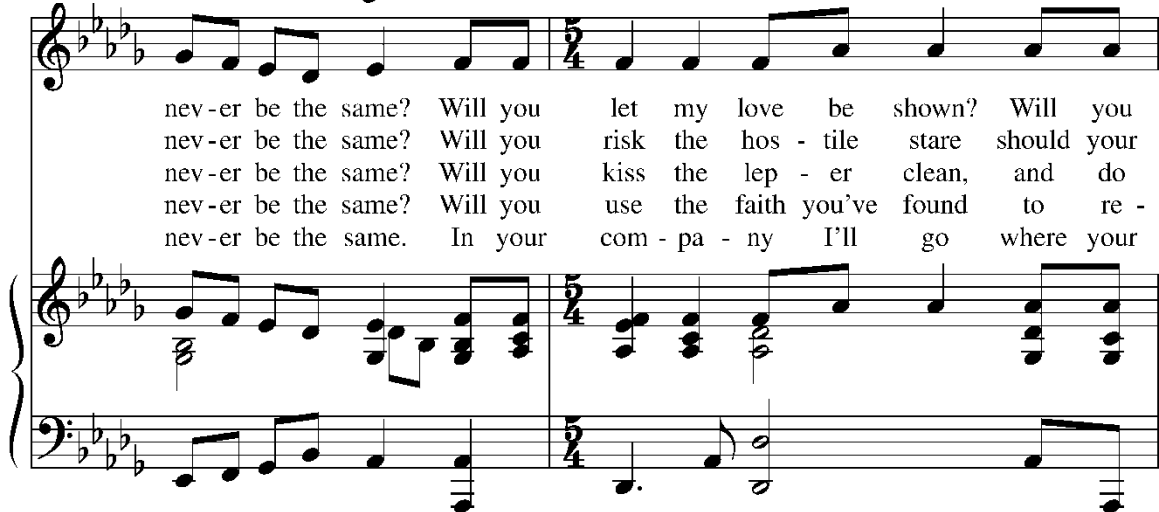
Mary Alexandra
From Wonder, Love and Praise



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. | 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 5. you and you in me.

Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Words: E. W. Blandy, c. 1890. Music: John S. Norris (1844-1907).

Postcommunion Prayer *unison*

BCP 365

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Piano Postlude Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual
John Carter

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Charlotte Mills, Chris Jefferies, Amy Smith, Sherry Wade, John Strawbridge, Nicole Ceccato, Deborah & Steve Tucker, Stewart MacDougall, Korie MacDougall, Lily and Emma Walker, Becca Nicolson, Marie Massey, John Studstill, Neal Fenter, Ellen Free, Steve Scott, Cindy Godwin, Bernie Sutter, Raymond Campbell

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

Friends of the parish: Andrew Pillar (*Marcia English*), James Nichols (*Nicole Ceccato & Ruth Nichols*), Ron Grant (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Rick Schomburg (*Nelia Partain*)

Those with continuing concerns: Gene Wells, Frank & Pam Feagle, Carlene Pawlowicz, Ralph Wimberly, 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: Martin McCann 9/15, Matthew Hsu 9/15, Avery Sleigh 9/15, Alice Underwood 9/15, J.D. Krawiec 9/15, Donna Sharp 9/16, Ena Hunt 9/17, Bruce Wrenn 9/17, Patti Landreau 9/17, Bennett Stoltz 9/17, Zora Garcia 9/17, Elyse Dahlgren 9/18, Linda Harmon 9/19, Barbara Brandenburgh 9/19, Mandy Ochoa 9/19, Molly Wright 9/19, Freeman McCluskey 9/19, Lovick Sudayi 9/19, Melissa Hsu 9/20, Karen Cook 9/21, Bryce Meeks 9/21, Dr. Stefania Wilcox 9/21

Those celebrating anniversaries: Ben & Brittany Daniels 9/15, Jon & Jessica Ezzell 9/16, Skip & Dawn Farrow 9/16, Kenny & Mickie Hall 9/16, Bonnie & William Ellis 9/20

Those who have died: 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, Rick McKnight 7/30/24

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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

Children PreK- 4th grade meet in the Outreach Center: Epic Journeys- Bible Stories of Faith & Courage

Tween and Teens meet in the Youth Room: Echo the Story Youth will explore and experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.

Adults meet in the Library: Meet our new Presiding Bishop Bishop Sean Rowe was elected at General Convention this summer to serve as our next Presiding Bishop. He currently serves as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Bishop Provisional of Western New York. He previously served as Bishop Provisional of Bethlehem (PA). He will be installed as Presiding Bishop on November 2. The service will be live-streamed and we'll plan a watch party! On Sundays in September, we will get to know more about him by listening each week to a sermon or lecture he has given in the past and discussing his thoughts about the gospel, the role of the Church, and what God asks of the Church in this time.

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.

Contemplative Service: The next Contemplative/Healing service is scheduled for September 22 at 5:00 pm. Join us in the Chapel, for quiet and candlelight, healing prayers and anointing, Holy Eucharist with homemade bread, a meditation and the chanting of Taizé pieces. Bring a friend; all are welcome to come and listen for God's voice. Contemplative/Healing services ahead are on Oct. 27, Nov. 17 (third Sunday), and Dec. 22.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays Eucharist: 5:30 in the Chapel. This brief Eucharist focuses on a saint being celebrated that day or week.

Wonderful Wednesdays at St. Thomas

Schedule: 5:30 to 6 - Eucharist in the Chapel

5:30 to 6:15 - Dinner served on the buffet. This week: Baked Potato Bar. Youth room open for youth to eat together there.

6:00 - Playground open for children who have finished dinner. Go to the Children's Center in case of rain. An adult must bring children to the playground or center.

6:30 to 7:30 - Formation time for everyone. Children in the Children's Center. Youth in the Youth Room or outside. Adults in the library, plus other spaces when Journey Groups begin.

6:30 to 8:15 - Choir rehearsal in the Chapel or All Saints Hall

New Wednesday Night Menus

Wednesday Dinner will be served buffet style - on the buffet! Donations are welcome but not required. To help offset costs, you may donate cash or with a credit card on site or pay ahead of time on the website, but payment is not required. Reservations are helpful to help us plan, but feel free to show up whenever you are available. All menus will have gluten free and vegan options.

1st Wednesdays - Pasta Bar, 2nd Wednesdays - Taco Bar, 3rd Wednesdays - Baked Potato Bar

4th Wednesdays - Salad Bar, 5th Wednesdays - Hot dog or chili bar, depending on the season

News for this week

Journey Groups: The Screwtape Letters AND Manna & Mercy *Begin September 17* Journey Groups are gatherings for adults that meet outside of Sunday mornings to learn and grow together. Our Fall 2024 Journey Groups begin next week and meet until Thanksgiving. We offer two options this season: *The Screwtape Letters* and *Manna & Mercy: The Hebrew Scriptures*. Manna & Mercy will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. The Screwtape Letters will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30, Wednesdays at 6:30, and Sundays at 4. No homework is required for either option, though you will get more out of the journey if you read a little each week and think

about the topic. Copies of the books are available in the office - \$7 for *The Screwtape Letters* and \$10 for *Manna & Mercy*. Learn more about the options and sign up on the website at stthomas-columbus.org/journey-groups.
St. Thomas Men's Group Get-together *Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30pm, Mixed Market, 1040 Broadway in Uptown Columbus* As usual, we will spend time together in fellowship over a little food and drink. Contact Paul Hostetter for more information.

September Excursion *Saturday September 21: An enlightening tour of Pasaquan, led by Mike McFalls, Director of Pasaquan and fellow St. Thomas member. Discover the captivating world of Eddie Owens Martin, an outsider artist who forged his own unique spiritual path. As the creator of this extraordinary 7-acre artist-built environment, Martin (also known as St. EOM) transformed his rural Georgia property into a vibrant testament to his personal cosmology. Pasaquan is a magical place where past, present, and future meet in a psychedelic fusion of art and architecture. Experience the intricate mandalas, towering totems, and colorful murals that make Pasaquan a masterpiece of visionary art. Meet at the church 9:00 am, carpool to Pasaquan for 10:00-12:30 tour, then back to church around 1:30. Sign up with Roxane or on the parish website.*

Upcoming & Ongoing

Schwob Concert at Zion *September 22, 4 pm, 1848 Zion Episcopal Church, 0 Jackson Avenue, Talbotton, Ga.* Enjoy the afternoon at 1848 Zion Episcopal Church listening to the CSU Schwob Faculty Brass Quintet followed by a wine reception at the Straus-LeVert Hall. Sunday, September 22. Concert at 4:00, Reception at 5:00. Seating is limited, so purchase tickets soon. Tickets are \$25 Tickets available online.

Confirmation Classes for youth ages 12-18 begin on September 29. Contact Roxane right away for details and to enroll.

Save the Date! Pet Blessings: *Saturday, October 5 at 5 pm at the red frame stage at Lakebottom Park & Sunday, October 6 drive up at St. Thomas from 1 to 2 pm.*

Women's Lectionary Bible Study *Thursdays, 10 to 11 am beginning September 12* All women are invited to join Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard in the library or by Zoom from 10 to 11 am on Thursdays to study the lectionary readings for the coming week. A handout for the week's study is emailed to each participant. Contact the church office to be added to the mailing list.

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 stthomas-columbus.org/altar-flowers/

Zoom 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.

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.

