



Window: Pentecost

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Order of Worship for The Day of Pentecost

May 19th, 2024 † 10:30 AM

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

Restrooms and a water fountain are available in a hallway to your right as you face the fireplace. Additional restrooms are behind the parish hall, accessible via two right turns from the door near the office. A handicapped accessible restroom is on the upper level of the campus, accessible by a lift. Exit the door near the office and turn right and then left.

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. Children's chapel will meet in the outreach center. 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.

Welcome

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

Hymn 225 Hail thee festival day

Salve Festa die

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

world with God's grace. grace.

world with God's grace. grace.

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

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Repeat Refrain

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
all, life that in all dost a - bide:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

- Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism
People **One God and Father of all.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *unison*

BCP 227

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to all people by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Pentecost Pageant *adapted from Acts 2:1-21*

Children and Youth of St. Thomas prepared this retelling of the Day of Pentecost, written and directed by Katie Underwood with help from Maddie Redden.

Please stand as you are comfortable and remain standing through the gospel reading.

Hymn 512 Come, gracious spirit, heavenly Dove

Mendon

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Kayden Lee Ann Hiers.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

After Kayden is presented, the congregation will be invited to stand and join in the Baptismal Covenant, continuing on page 303 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

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 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 Candidates *the congregation responds "Lord, hear our prayer."*

BCP 305

Celebrant Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Baptism

BCP 307

After Kayden is baptized, anointed with oil, and presented the light of Christ, the congregation welcomes her.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcoming New Members

All who have joined St. Thomas as members recently, and those who would like to do so, are invited to come forward.

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Thomas. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love God, love every person, and learn and serve together. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Thomas?

I do.

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us pray together.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts.

You may mail a check to 2100 Hilton Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906,
donate online at our website (<https://www.stthomascolumbus.org/give/>),
or use your mobile device by texting **STTCOLUMBUS** to **73256**

Offertory

Anthem The lone, wild bird in lofty flight

Arr. Jessica Nelson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of Earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep, and far-off land.
And I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine, I rest in thee,
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

From Praying with One Voice, Common Liturgical Materials for the Anglican Communion.

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 for your children by adoption and grace to give you thanks and praise, everlasting God, source of life and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He was born as one of us, and came to live and serve, to teach and heal, and to draw us to communion with you. He gave up his life for us, and was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. And now we give you thanks because you gather your children throughout the world to be one, even as you, Father, are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit; and to be the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the gathered company of heaven, we praise and glorify you, saying:

Sanctus S-128

setting by William Mathias

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

Remain as you are, or kneel

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, who sealed your everlasting covenant with his blood. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your promise, these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and blood, that we may live in him and he in us. On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took the bread, gave you thanks, broke this bread, shared it with his disciples, and said, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Do this, whenever you eat it, in remembrance of me.' After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, shared it with his disciples, and said, 'Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood, shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore Father, as we come together in faith to share this communion, we remember your love shown in Christ, once for all, on the cross, your power revealed in his resurrection, and your glory which you promise at his last coming. Accept our offering of thanks and praise. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our lives; heal our wounds, calm our fears, and give us peace.

Renew us in your love, restore us in your image, and unite us in the body of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory belong to you, ever-loving God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**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 Anthem S-165

setting by William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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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. 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.

Piano "Just as I Am" (*Quoting Gypypodie*)

Woodworth

Anthem Come Holy Spirit, into our hearts (from *Judas Maccabaens*)

George Frideric Handel

Arr. Mark Schweizer

With wind and flame, holy you came,
That the nations might praise your Name.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our hearts;
And thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Come Spirit bright, and with thy light,
Thy people unite,

Forth from the Father, merciful thou art.

Come, Holy Spirit, truth divine;
Come, fill our lives and make them thine,
Come with thy blessings,
Come within our hearts to shine.

Hymn 230 A mighty sound from heaven

Song of the Holy Spirit

1 A might - y sound from hea - ven at Pen - te - cost there came,
 2 In Sa - lem's street was gath - ered a crowd from man - y a land,
 3 Then come, all Chris - tian peo - ple, keep fes - ti - val to - day,

and filled the place of meet - ing with rush - ing wind and flame:
 and all in their own tongues did the Gos - pel un - der - stand:
 for God the Ho - ly Spi - rit dwells with the Church al - way:

what Christ had prom - ised now oc - curred as each A - pos - tle
 for by the tri - umph of the Son the curse of Bab - el
 and grieve him not, O Chris - tian soul, his grace with - in shall

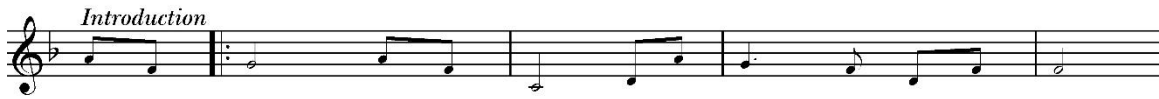
spoke the word be - neath the Spi - rit's thun - der, and to the
 was un - done when God did send the Spi - rit; so to the
 make you whole in bo - dy, mind, and spi - rit, un - til you

ears of all who heard pro - claimed sal - va - tion's won - der.
 bless - ed Three in One be hon - or, praise, and mer - it.
 reach the prom - ised goal, a king - dom to in - her - it.

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Hymn 507 Praise the Spirit in creation

Julion



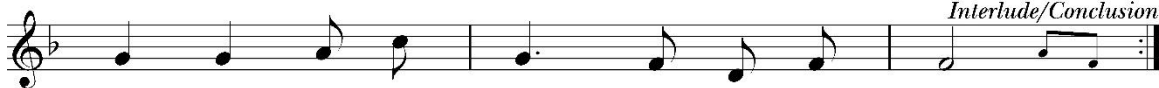
1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in
 6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick - ening
 2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -
 3 word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as
 4 own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the
 5 might; let your flame break out with - in us, fire our
 6 Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion, Trin - i -



1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things
 2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who
 3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in
 4 known world up - side down, to its dark and fur - thest
 5 hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in your pos -
 6 ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which speaks with -



1 breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
 2 lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.
 3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.
 4 cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.
 5 ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.
 6 in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.



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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 Pentecost Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 516 Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude “Day by Day”

Ahnwoeth Ahnfelt

Music Notes

Many thanks to Doyle Register for conducting the choir in the anthems this morning, to Laurie Alltop for playing flute and thank you to Adleyn Scott for playing the piano. This is the St Thomas Choir’s final Sunday of the season to return in August. Beginning next week we will have Summer Choir – an intergenerational unvested group that leads the hymns. Come at 9:55 in All Saints Hall. Come for a week, come for the summer, or stay for next year!

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Stan Everritt, Marie Massey, Neal Fenter, Ellen Free, Steve Scott, Cindy Godwin, Bernie Sutter, Josh Becker, Rick McKnight, Raymond Campbell

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

Friends of the parish: Grant Martin (*Darlene Everritt*), Susan Gilbert (*Lisa Herring*), Suzanne Burdeshaw (*Lisa Herring*), The Bleke Family (*Joe Mills*), Emma Duke (*Joe Mills*), Brigitte Mellenberg (*Kristie Ridgeway*), Mary Louise Grable & family (*Patty Slembariski*), Mary (*Roxane Gwyn*), Jim Holder (*Jenny Holder*), the family & friends of Lexy McRae (*Riley Connery*)

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

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

Those celebrating birthdays: April Jacobs 5/19, Ramon Capo 5/20, Celia Page 5/20, Carter Moore 5/20, Laurie Mahon 5/21, Jana Speer 5/21, Andrea Neita 5/23, Victoria Torsiello 5/23, Luke Ezzell 5/23, Marianne Richter 5/25, Amanda Peck 5/25, Daniel Mitchell 5/25

Those celebrating anniversaries: Marty & Beth Barr 5/20, Larry & Donna Dooley 5/20, Ro & April Brown 5/24

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: 9:30-10:15am

Adults: Sunday Adult Formation in June: General Convention 2024, in the Library. The General Convention of The Episcopal Church meets June 23 to 28 in Louisville, KY. This is the governing body of the denomination which sets policy, clarifies mission and vision, and makes funding decisions. This year, the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop at General Convention. And St. Thomas Youth and Young Adults will be there! Join us on Sundays in June at 9:30 in the library to hear about General Convention and our wider church. June 2 - What is General Convention? June 9 - The Election of a New Presiding Bishop June 16 - Topics at this General Convention June 23 - Chaplain Stephen Echols, the work of Army Chaplains, and the Office of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries within The Episcopal Church June 30 - What Happened at General Convention?

Tweens & Youth Summer Sundays for Youth: Vocation & Values Summer Series, in the Youth Room. 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.

ShineTime Sunday School: Fruits of the Spirit, in the Outreach Center. 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.

Contemplative Healing Service: May 26th at 5pm in the Chapel. Silence, gentle chanting, scripture, candlelight, meditation, healing prayers with anointing, and the Holy Eucharist. Bring your most vulnerable self and be met with the gift of silence and healing.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays Eucharist: 5:30 to 6 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 most of the summer. Thanks to our altar guild for making this possible.

News for this week

Men’s Group Fellowship: Thursday, May 23, 5:30 at Jarfly. Men at St. Thomas are invited for an evening of fellowship at Jarfly. No RSVP needed.

Women's Group: May 23, 6:30 at B. Merrill's. Gather with women from St. Thomas for fellowship and meal. This group meets once a month for dinner at a restaurant. All who identify as women are welcome to gather. Let us know if you're coming on the website of church office by May 20.

Church Camp Out! May 25, 5 pm to Sunday morning! Join us Memorial Day Weekend for a Church Camp Out. Bring campers or tents and camp in the church's backyard! For those who prefer the comfort of your own bed, bring games or other campfire fun and come to eat and fellowship as long as you like. We'll enjoy a revamped fire pit area and fun together as the summer kicks off. We'll enjoy a cereal bar for breakfast the next morning before worshipping together at 8:30 and 10:30. Let us know you're coming on our website stthomasolumbus.org/parish-life-events

Upcoming & Ongoing

Sermons this Summer: Theology on Stage. This was fun last year, so we're trying it again! Join us this summer for sermons focused on Jesus but with an eye toward familiar stories from the stage. On dates not listed, a guest preacher will be with us. June 2 - Sound of Music, June 9 - Hairspray, June 16 - Color Purple, June 30 - Dear Evan Hansen, July 7 - Shrek, July 28 - Music Man, August 4 - West Side Story

Summer Choir: The St. Thomas choir wraps up its season on Pentecost Sunday. Summer Choir begins on May 26. Summer Choir is an intergenerational, non-vested choir. Each Sunday the Summer Choir meets at 10 o'clock 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!

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 stthomasolumbus.org/altar-flowers/

Columbus Pride Festival: June 1 St. Thomas will participate in the annual COLGAY Pride Festival on June 1st. We will have a booth at the event with water, stickers, and activities for children. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth starting at 9 AM. For questions about this event, contact Taylor or Meg.

Men's Group & House of Heroes: Saturday, June 1st House of Heroes is a non-profit that sends volunteers to work on homes of retired veterans who can use assistance. On Saturday, June 1st the Men's Group will paint/replace floorboards (and few other items) in a home located in South Columbus. We would start at 8am and work until we are finished. For more information contact Paul Hostetter or Dan Ginter.

St. Thomas Book Group: June 7, 11 am An informal group, everyone is welcome. The book for June is *Paper Cuts: An Enchanting Cozy Mystery* by Ellery Adams. Come and bring your friends. Call Martha Mullinax or Alice Barlow for further information.

Lunch Bunch: June 11, 11:30 Parker's Pantry All women are invited to gather for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month 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.

June YACT Social - Dinner at Eighteen85: June 13, 6pm. Join Young Adults from St. Thomas for dinner at Eighteen85 at Hotel Indigo Columbus at Riverfront Place. Contact Taylor for more info!

Parent & Volunteer Dinner: June 13, 6:30 pm, El Vaquero North. All Episcopoid parents and adults who currently volunteer or who would like to volunteer with children in any capacity at St. Thomas are invited to dinner to meet Ms. Shayla, hear about her vision and goals for children and family ministry and also share your hopes for children and families at St. Thomas. Let us know you're coming on our website.

June Excursion: Dinner Theater June 20, 7:30 pm, Columbus Repertory Theater, through CSU's Department of Theater and Dance. Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 pm. We've got a special group rate for \$12 per person, and space is limited, so be sure to contact Roxane by Monday, June 3 to sign up. Here's the scoop: *Unnecessary Farce*, an hilarious play involving cops, crooks, videotapes, and confusion (adult content). Bring your own supper. Drinks, snacks, and desserts available at the concessions counter.

Saints & Sinners: June 6, 11:30am. Gather with friends for mid-day Eucharist and potluck lunch. No reservations required - just show up for a lovely time together.

Vacation Bible School: July 22 – 26. 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@stthomasolumbus.org.

TAP 2024: June 24-28, 8:45 a.m. to Noon at the Rankin Arts Center, 1004 Broadway. It's time to register for TAP 2024! TAP is an interfaith, intercultural arts program hosted by Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry. Children ages 6-11 are invited to join us for TAP: A Recipe for Compassion. Teens ages 12 & up are invited to serve as teen interns/mentors during the program, with training the week before. cvemjubilee.org/tap/

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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