



*Window: The Resurrection*

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

## The Order of Worship for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 † 8:30 AM

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### Welcome

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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.*

### Christ our Passover *unison*

BCP 83

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for Rogation Days

O God, from whom all good proceeds: You established your covenant with all creation. Guide us and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace, and honor you in our kinship with all your creatures; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### Psalm 98 *read responsively by half-verse*

BCP 727

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**A reading from the First Letter of John**

I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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 VI*

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For victims of hunger, fear, war, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Rob, our bishop, Victor, our companion bishop, Grace, Roxane, and Darius, our priests, our vestry and church staff, for all bishops, clergy, and lay ministers; for all who are leading the process of *Making Room for All*;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for St. Thomas parishioners Faye, Jan & family, Steve, Alex, Sid, John, the Boyd family, the Decker family, the family and friends of Murray Craig, John, Bob, Neal, Laurie, Gene, Ellen, Steve, Cindy, Bernie, Josh, Rick, and Raymond; for our homebound members Ramón, Carol, Bill, Jan, and William; for friends of the parish Mary, Michael, Precious, Mary Louise & family, Steven & Buffy, Emma Duke, the family and friends of Molly Lane, the family and friends of Samantha Broom, John, Donna, Chris, John, Linda, the family and friends of Lexy McRae, Sam, and Jim; for those who care for them, and for others we name at this time . . . *Silence*. Hear us, Lord; **for your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Give thanks for the birthdays of Florence, Sophia, Taylor, Lucy, Sonny, and Nick; for the anniversaries of Royce & Tamara, Amy & Richard, Mayjane & Bruce, Chuck & Sunny, and Kevin & Donna; and other blessings we name at this time. *Silence*. We will exalt you, O God our King; **and praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Norma, Rolene, Mike, Marianne, Mitchi, Sam, Bill, Dixie, Bob, Judy, Murray, and Judy. *Silence*. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

## 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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*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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

*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 from any denomination are invited to share in communion. You do not have to be an Episcopalian or a member of St. Thomas in order to receive. Come forward when the usher invites you. Stand or kneel at the altar rail. Hold out two hands to receive bread dipped in wine and then take the wafer as it is given to you. Hold out one hand to receive bread only. As the second chalice passes, you may dip the bread in the chalice or drink from it as you wish. If you prefer not to receive communion but desire a blessing, cross your arms across your chest and a priest will offer a prayer of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar by request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, please let an usher know.*

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

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**We welcome to worship today the Rev. Stephen Echols, US Army Chaplain (MAJ) is an Active-Duty Army Chaplain and Episcopal Priest currently serving as the Ethics Instructor and Writer at the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Moore, GA. He is accompanied by his amazing spouse, Emily Echols, and his two boys, Gabriel (12) and Thomas (8), and their super mutt dog, Nick.**



## In our prayers

**St. Thomas parishioners:** Faye Melton, Jan & family, Steve Melton, Alex Gafford, Sid Regan, John Studstill, Jennifer Boyd and family, the Decker family, the family & friends of Murray Craig, John Partin, Bob Chitwood, Neal Fenter, Laurie Mahon, Gene Wells, 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:** Mary (*Roxane Gwyn*), Michael Langan (*Cindy Godwin*), Precious (*Patty Slembarski*), Mary Louise Grable & family (*Patty Slembarski*), Steven & Buffy Swinehart (*Travis Wade*), Emma Duke Bleke (*Ann Burr*), the family & friends of Molly Lane (*Cindy Godwin*), the family & friends of Samantha Broom (*Katie Buckley*), John Guy (*Ena Hunt*), Donna Becker (*Ashley Becker*), Chris Matthews (*Bonnie Ellis*), John Denny (*Ena Hunt*), Linda (*Florence Wakoko-Studstill*), the family & friends of Lexy McRae (*Riley Connery, Taylor St. John*), Sam Delgado (*Kym Futch*), Jim Holder (*Jenny Holder*)

**Those with continuing concerns:** 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:** Florence Wakoko-Studstill 5/5, Sophia Wise 5/6, Taylor St. John 5/6, Lucy Gray 5/7, Sonny Taunton 5/11, Nick Capo 5/11

**Those celebrating anniversaries:** Royce & Tamara Ard 5/5, Amy & Richard Nurnberg 5/6, Maryjane & Bruce Wrenn 5/7, Chuck & Sunny Gantner 5/9, Kevin & Donna Kelly 5/10

**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](http://www.StThomasColumbus.org).

### Sundays

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

#### **Formation:**

**Shine Time: 9:30-10:15** in the Outreach Center. Children ages Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Tween Time: 9:30-10:15** in the Youth Room. Children ages 4th grade-middle school

**Adults: 9:30-10:15**

**In Search of Justice - May 5 & 12 in the library.** Themes of justice, righteousness, and fairness abound throughout the scriptures. This study will explore the Justice of God revealed in the scriptures and what it means to live out God's justice in a world filled with so much injustice. Jerry Brown will facilitate these discussions.

**Welcome Class - April 21 to May 12, in the Parlor.**

#### **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.

**Wednesday programming schedule:** *(Nursery available from 5:30-7:30; longer if needed by choir members.)*

5:30 Eucharist in the Chapel

5:30-6:15 Dinner served in the parish hall

6:20 Prayers around tables

6:30-7:30 Formation time for children, youth, and adults

6:45-8:30 St. Thomas Choir rehearsal in the Chapel

**Wednesday Dinner:** An entrée with two sides and a simple dessert. (Vegetarian and gluten free options available by request). Suggested cost: \$7.50 per adult, \$5 per child under 12, and \$25 per family, however, we invite you to pay what you can - more or less as you are able. Reservations needed each week by midnight on Monday. Menus are posted on the website, and you can register and pay online for up to a month at a time. Reservation cards are also available in the pews. **Menu – May 8th:** Mexican chicken casserole, yellow rice, and black beans

### News for this week

**Welcome Classes: First Steps with St. Thomas - Sundays at 9:30, April 14 to May 12.** These classes are for all guests and new members who would like to learn more about St. Thomas and for long-time members who would like a refresher.

**Guiding Lights: Conversations about care for children past and present; Wednesday evenings April 10 to May 15, 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library.** Join us for conversation about guiding young people. Each night we pick a theme and share experiences, wisdom, and questions around that theme. Parents of young children, parents of

adult children, grandparents, teachers, neighbors - all are invited. All who love and care for children and teens have something to share.

**Baby Shower and Blessing for Hannah & Brian Walker:** This morning in the parish hall following the **10:30 service.** Hannah & Brian's baby GIRLS are due soon and we can't wait to meet them and welcome them to St. Thomas. We will have note cards available for all to write blessings for these new parents. Gifts are not required but they are registered at Target and Amazon. Everyone is welcome for this time of celebration.

**Women's Lectionary Bible Study: Thursday, May 9th from 10-11am in the St. Thomas Library and on Zoom. This week is the last week for this season.** Study the lectionary readings for the following Sunday in this one-hour class taught by the Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard. All women are welcome; you don't have to be a member of St. Thomas or even of any church at all. A study sheet is sent to each participant a few days before class. Contact the church office to register.

**May Excursion: Voices of the Valley Concert - Saturday May 11 at 7:00 pm at RiverCenter.** The Voices of the Valley Children's Chorus presents "A Servant's Heart," featuring many voices from St. Thomas. See Monday's newsletter for more information, and let Roxane know if you'll be attending so we can all sit together.

**Graduation Sunday:** Join us May 12th for a blessing and celebration of all the high school, college, and graduate school graduates.

### Upcoming & Ongoing

**Lunch Bunch: Tuesday, May 14, 11:30am at Parker's Pantry.** All women are invited to gather for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month. 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. This is a new gathering in addition to the Women's Group. Hope to see you there!

**The Ten Commandments: An Interfaith Conversation with Rabbi Beth Schwartz and friends; remaining Wednesdays- May 8, 15, 22; 6:30 to 7:30 at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church (4026 Macon Rd).** Join Rabbi Beth Schwartz, the Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, and friends in Luther Hall at St. Matthew Lutheran Church for dialogue with the Ten Commandments. The course will explore the Ten Commandments through the lenses of Judaism and Lutheran, Episcopal, and Presbyterian liturgical and catechetical traditions of interpreting and applying them. This is a continuation of a discussion that began at St. Matthew before Lent. **May 8:** "You Shall Not Commit Murder"

**Welcome New Staff Member: May 15, 5:30 to 6:15 in Outreach.** Join us on May 15 for a welcome party for Shayla Holloway who is joining our staff as Director of Children and Family Ministries. Chili dogs and all the fixin's will be served in Outreach from 5:30 to 6:15. Games, snow cone truck, and more will be outside in the newly revamped fire pit courtyard. The playground will also be open for children and families to play. This will be our last Wednesday night for the school year. Join us to welcome Shayla and welcome summer!

**May YACT Social - Rafting! Saturday, May 18, 11:00 AM.** Join Young Adults from St. Thomas for a rafting trip. Contact Taylor for more info! If rafting isn't for you consider joining the group for lunch at Banks Food Hall at 1:30.

**The Day of Pentecost: Sunday, May 19.** Wear red and gather to celebrate the birth of the Church and the work of the Spirit. 8:30 am Eucharist in the Chapel as usual, 9:30am Pentecost crafts and activities for all ages, 10:30 am Eucharist in the Parish Hall. We would like to include a multitude of languages in worship that morning. If you speak a language other than English and would be willing to read a lesson or offer prayers, please let Rev. Grace know by today.

**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 renovated fire pit area and fun together as the summer kicks off. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

**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](mailto:taylor@stthomasolumbus.org).

**Camp Mikell Summer Camp for Children & Youth:** Camp Mikell is the Camp and Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. Camp Mikell offers week-long summer camps for rising 3rd graders through recent high school graduates. Please visit [campmikell.com/summer-camp/](http://campmikell.com/summer-camp/) for more information. In addition to scholarships and payment plans offered by Camp Mikell, St. Thomas is able to offer a scholarship for up to 1/3 of the camp cost to children and teens who are members of St. Thomas and who participate in St. Thomas children and youth programming at least once a month. Contact Taylor Mack for more information on scholarships. Some teens may be interested in earning extra money to cover the remaining costs of camp. If you would like to hire a youth to help with yard work, spring cleaning, babysitting, or other tasks please contact Taylor Mack to be connected.

**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.



### **St. Thomas Staff**

*Administrative Assistant:* Lupe Ortiz-Sanchez; *Director of Music & Organist:* Rick McKnight; *Director of Parish Administration:* Patty Slembariski; *Director of Parish & Community Engagement:* Meg Olive-Allison; *Director of Youth & Young Adults:* Taylor Mack; *Interim Director of Children's Ministries:* Maddie Redden; *Kitchen Manager & Sexton:* Seth Burgamy; *Livestream technician:* Nick Williams; *Maintenance & cleaning:* Frances Woolfolk; *Nursery:* Riley Mullen, Evie Smith, Dorothy Uwanawich, Jenneken Varnum; *Sexton assistant:* Morgan Camp

### **St. Thomas Clergy**

*Associate Rector for Mission:* Darius Sudayi; *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care:* Roxane Gwyn; *Rector:* Grace Burton-Edwards