



Window: Pentecost

The Order of Worship for The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022 † 10:30 AM
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary in C

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Welcome

Hymn 625 Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *unison*

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *sung three times*

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

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The Collect of the Day

BCP 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the

land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *responsively by half verse*

BCP 719

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, "
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

A reading from the First Letter to Timothy

I Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring

about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

Hymn 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might

Pentecost

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 16:19-31

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

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 the victims of hunger, fear, 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our bishop; Victor, our companion bishop; Grace and Roxane, our priests, our vestry and church staff, and for all bishops, clergy, and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for St. Thomas parishioners Joe, Diane, Kibby, Randy, Linda, Ralph, Raymond, and Ashley; and for our homebound members Marianne, Ramon, Murray, Judy, Jan, and Bill. We pray for friends of the parish Molly, Marlene, Amanda, Ezra, Molly, Ben, and Phoebe; 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. We give thanks for the birthdays of Kim, Olivia, Lynne, Travis, Juliana, Julia, Evie, Paula, Paul, Charlotte, and Paul; and for the anniversary of Perrin & Becca; 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 Lowell, Reginald, Clifford, Sandra, Joe, Charlie, and Darius. *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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

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Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,
 dip your finger in the water;
 come, and cool my tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.
 He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table
 dip your finger in the water;
 come, and cool your tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.
 dip your finger in the water;
 come, and cool my tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.
 And when he died he went straight to hell.
 dip your finger in the water;
 come, and cool my tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.

I love to shout, I love to sing.
 dip your finger in the water;
 come, and cool my tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.
 I love to praise my heavenly King.
 Dip your finger in the water;
 come and cool my tongue,
 'cause I'm tormented in the flame.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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

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

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

Sanctus

from *Wonder, Love and Praise*

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer *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

from *Mass in E*, by Jeffrey Smith

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff is for Treble Voices, starting with an organ introduction. The second staff is for Male Voices. The third staff continues the vocal line. The fourth and fifth staves are for All Voices. The lyrics are: (Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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 the baptized 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.

Music during Communion

Solo Aria from *Messiah*

Rachel Ward, *soprano*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:15

Hymn 133 I surrender all

from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,
I will ev - er love and trust Him,
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

1. all to Him I free - ly give;
In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;
Take me, Je - sus, take me now.
3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.
4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, All to thee, my

bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

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

The Blessing

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music Notes

We welcome Rachel Ward to sing one of Handel's most beautiful arias from Messiah. Rachel studies voice at CSU. She spent 5 weeks in Italy this summer studying opera.

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Joe Fischer, Diane Berson, Kibby Taylor, Randy Moore, Linda Harmon, Ralph Wimberly, Raymond Campbell, Ashley Huie-Strong

Homebound members: Marianne Baxter, Ramon Capo, Murray Craig, Judy Harding, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas

Those working in healthcare: Ansley McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Babs McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Alexa McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Liz Mathis (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Sean Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Wendy Memmott (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Susie Olive-Allison, Keisha Trent (*Barbara Billings*), Sandy Trent (*Barbara Billings*), Jennifer Stewart Collins (*Joe & Rolene Stewart*), Jolene Stewart (*Joe & Rolene Stewart*), Erica Sheehan Cooper (*Marianne Sheehan*)

Friends of the parish: Molly (*Ena Hunt*), Marlene Schinnow (*Bernie Sutter*), Amanda Leone Walker (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Ezra King (*Eliza Morrill*), Molly Lane (*Cindy Godwin*), Ben Feagle (*Pam & Frank Feagle*), Phoebe England (*Courtney England*)

Those with continuing concerns: Mandy Ochoa, Henry Morrill, Jessica McComb, Esther Thomas, Joe Mills, Bill & Sandi Pauli, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Carlene Pawlowicz, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Kim McAfee 9/25, Olivia Sheehan 9/27, Lynne Hahn 9/28, Travis Wade 9/28, Juliana Kent 9/28, Julia Slater 9/29, Evie Smith 9/29, Paula Acton 9/30, Paul Westburg 10/1, Paul Hostetter 10/1, Charlotte Mills 10/1

Those celebrating anniversaries: Perrin & Becca Nicolson 9/25

Soldiers and families at Ft. Benning and St. Thomas members and friends who are deployed: Fr. Edward Lowe, Logan Gorsuch, Stoney Portis, Nick Capo, Evans James

Those who have died: Lowell Jergens 10/23/21, Reginald Jones 12/4/21, Clifford Swift 12/31/21, Sandra Wood 1/18/22, Joe Russell 2/21/22, Charlie McMahan 3/16/22, Darius Slusher 3/19/22

Announcements

YACT Excursion to local Mini Market: Today at 12:30pm. St. Thomas Young Adults will be going as a group to the Local Mini Market event at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center following Church today. There will be a variety of local vendors and artists along with live music. Let Taylor Mack know if you plan to attend.

LEM Training: Today, September 25 after 10:30 worship. Join Rev. Grace after the 10:30 service for LEM Training at St. Thomas. Those who indicated in the ministry signups and others are welcome to attend training. Sign up to let us know you're coming.

My St. Thomas Story Videos: We are planning a video project later this year to help share the St. Thomas story more widely, and we need your help. Use your smartphone's camera to shoot a short video. Aim for 30-45 seconds per question. Answer just one or all three! *Why are you a part of St. Thomas? Why have you chosen to follow Jesus? What do you wish people knew about your faith community?* Scan the QR code for tips on filming. Contact the church office if you'd like someone to film you!

Help the Hooch: Saturday, October 1, 8:30-11:30. We are looking for 20 people to help clean up Lakebottom Park as part of this community-wide cleanup day. Wear a St. Thomas t-shirt if you have one. Sign up on our website to let us know you're coming. Families welcome!

Pet Blessings: Two options this year – **Saturday, October 1 at 4pm at Lakebottom Park:** Bring a chair or blanket and join us outside at the red frame stage on the south side. We'll have a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving, after which our clergy will bless pets and their families. Then stay for a concert in the park at 5pm organized by Donna Dooley. **Sunday, October 2, Drive Up from 1-2pm at St. Thomas:** For pets and people who prefer to stay in the car, drive up under the St. Thomas Day School awning. All pets at both blessings will receive a St. Francis medal.

Tiny Stage Concert: Saturday, October 1, 5pm at the Red frame stage in Lakebottom Park: St. Thomas member Donna Dooley has organized a series of tiny stage concerts at Lakebottom Park. Bring a chair, blanket, and snacks and enjoy beautiful music featuring Tristan Dempsey, cello, Delilah Farrow, vocals, and other musicians.

Pet Memorial Garden: We will order another round of bricks for the Pet Memorial Garden at St. Thomas at the end of September. Bricks are \$125 each. For more information and an order form: stthomasolumbus.org/pet-memorial-garden/ Contact Ralph Wimberly for more information about the garden.

Concert honoring Clifford & Bobsie Swift: October 2 at 4pm in Legacy Hall at the RiverCenter. The Joyce and Henry Schwob School of Music in partnership with the Schwob Philharmonic under the direction of Paul Hostetter, the Ethel Foley Distinguished Chair in Orchestral Activities are pleased to invite you to a concert celebrating the Barbara C. and Clifford J. Swift Director's Chair, currently held by Dr. Scott Harris. Come join this celebration of generosity with 105 gifted musicians from 18 states and 20 countries around the world!

St. Thomas Excursions led by Rev. Roxane Gwyn: Food Mill – Tuesday, October 11 at noon. Meet at the Food Mill in Columbus for a delicious, healthy lunch and a presentation about this multifunctional food farmacy that is working to eliminate barriers leading to food insecurity and diet-related illnesses in our community. Sign up online or with Rev. Roxane by October 3 to order your meal.

Saints & Sinners: Thursday, October 6 at 11:00 am. Saints and Sinners meets again! Join Saints & Sinners for a brief noon Eucharist, fellowship, and potluck lunch on Thursday October 6 at 11. The group will meet in the Parish Hall at 11, move to the Chapel at 11:30 for a brief service, and then will share a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall following the service. Everyone is welcome to join!

Women's Lectionary Study: Thursdays at 10 am in the library and Zoom. This one-hour women's lectionary study and discussion, led by the Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard, will be available both in-person and on Zoom and focuses on the lectionary texts for the coming week. Rev. Garrard provides a study sheet prior to the lesson. All women are welcome; participation is not limited to St. Thomas constituents and there is no cost. Contact the church office to sign up or stthomasolumbus.org/thursday-lectionary-bible-study/

Wednesday Evenings at St .Thomas: Our usual Wednesday schedule is 5:30 - Simple Eucharist in the Chapel, usually celebrating the saint of the day; 5:30-6:15 - Dinner served in the Parish Hall (RSVP by Monday evening). Boxed meals available on the buffet after 6:15; 6:15-7:15 - Children's activities; 6:20 - Prayers around tables; 6:15-7:15 St. Thomas Youth; 6:30-7:15/7:30 - Journey Groups; 6:45-8:30 – Choir.

Wednesday Dinner: September 28: Chicken and broccoli casserole or mushroom and broccoli casserole, summer squash. To help us plan adequately and reduce waste, reservations are required. Meals will be served on a "pay what you can" basis, with a suggested amount of \$7.50 per adult, \$5 per child, and \$25 per family. Pay online when you make your reservation. We want everyone to participate regardless of ability to pay. Sign up through our website at stthomasolumbus.org/Wednesday-Dinner. You can make a reservation and/or pay for one week up to one month at a time. Deadline for reservations is Monday at midnight.

Wednesday Eucharist: A simple Eucharist at 5:30pm in the Chapel each Wednesday usually focuses on the saint of the day. Servers and readers are needed. This service ends in time to participate in Wednesday Night Dinner.

September Sunday Adult Formation: Challenges WE Face - WE are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion – over 85 million of us in 165 countries. What challenges do WE face as we deal with our ministry in and around Columbus, yet part of that much larger family? We will consider this during our Sunday Adult Formation sessions this Fall. Parish Theologian, Dr. Denny Clark, leads our second session examining 1 Peter, the New Testament book the Bishops of the Anglican Communion used to prepare for this past summer's Lambeth Conference. 1 Peter is sometimes exhilarating and inspiring, and at other times profoundly disturbing and revolting -- and we look at the latter this week. How can this book's advice to slaves to obey their unjust masters, wives to be submissive to their overbearing husbands, and subjugated people to "honor the Emperor" ever inform how Anglicans treat each other and deal with their societies today? For those who are able, please read 1 Peter 2:13-3:7 prior to this Sunday's session. If you can do a quick read of all of 1 Peter, even better! Coming up: Oct. 2 - Rev. Grace - The Challenges of Anglican Identity and of World Mission & Evangelism

Shine Time Sundays: Join Ms. Erin and friends on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 for Shine Time! Each week we will gather in the Children's Wing for an engaging look at key Bible stories starting at the very beginning in Genesis. Ms. Erin and volunteers will use Whirl Curriculum to guide the lessons each week.

Sunday Coffee Convos for Youth: 9:30 - 10:15 in the Youth room. Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and pastry from the new youth room coffee bar. Each week we will introduce a discussion question to help us consider how to live out our faith in the world.

Parish Hall Service: Sundays at 10:30am. Want to try something a little different? Join us for worship in the parish hall via the live stream. You can choose a quiet table (no talking, time for prayer and quiet), an art table (art supplies available for creating a visual response to worship), or a convo table (where it is okay to talk and ask questions). Coffee and snacks will be available. You are invited to come to the nave to receive communion.

Happening Retreat: October 14-16. High School youth are encouraged to attend the Happening Retreat for a chance to grow their faith and friendships. Transportation to and from Camp Mikell will be provided, but students will have to be available to leave by 1 PM on Friday. Sign up for this fantastic experience at <https://www.tfaforms.com/5001926>

Floating Classroom: Saturday, October 22nd from 2pm – 4pm at Pyne Road Park on West Point Lake! Join us aboard the West Point Lake Floating Classroom on Saturday, October 22 for an afternoon lake cruise! The outing will be led by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Georgia Interfaith Power & Light. Look for links in the online newsletter to learn more about GIPL, see video from a recent excursion, and more. Sign up on our website. Families welcome!

Zoom Evening Prayer: Join us for Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the church office for the link or find it on our Linktree.

QR Code for signups! Use the QR code below 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. You should be connected! Don't hesitate to ask for help if you'd like to try – or reach out to the church office to sign up.

