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October 1st, 2023

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**8:00am**

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# God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

## Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

## Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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## Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal #686

1. Come, thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
 2. Here I find my great-est trea-sure; hith-er, by thy help, I've  
 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to  
 grace! Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, call for  
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly  
 bel! Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my  
 songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious  
 to ar-rive at home. Je-sus\_ sought me when a  
 wan-dering heart to thee: Prone to\_ wan-der, Lord, I  
 son-net, sung by\_ flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the  
 stran-ger wan-dering from the fold of God; he, to  
 feel\_ it, prone to\_ leave the God I love; here's my  
 mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for they courts a-bove.

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

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of th heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*seated*

### First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

**Psalms 25:1-8**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



Deacon The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kevin, our Bishop, Howell and Clay and Juan, our priests, and Sheila, our deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President, John, our Governor, and Stu, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**All** **Almighty God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**maker of all things, judge of all men:**  
**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins**  
**and wickedness,**  
**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**  
**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**  
**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**  
**We do earnestly repent,**  
**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**  
**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,**  
**the burden of them is intolerable.**  
**Have mercy upon us,**  
**have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**  
**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**  
**forgive us all that is past;**  
**and grant that we may ever hereafter**  
**serve and please thee in newness of life,**  
**to the honor and glory of thy Name;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

*[The Celebrant inserts one of the Comfortable Words sentences.]*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And with thy spirit.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically through our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

### Offertory Hymn

#### Shepherd of Souls

Hymnal 343

1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3. Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bead, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wind, be our im - mor - tal food.



*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
**People**        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**People**        **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. [Proper Preface]  
Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**  
**Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues...* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

## THE COMMUNION

-silent prayer-

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**All**                **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **Stepping Up Together**

*Almighty God, you bless all our works that begin, continue, and end in you; and you inspire in your people a love for your house: sustain us as we work for the repair of our church building and remind us that we have and hold everything for your glory alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Processing into the community

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first two columns corresponding to the first two systems and the third column corresponding to the last two systems. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal - foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me  
with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven  
all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,  
feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.



## Dismissal

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Please take this service booklet home with you**, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

## Parish Calendar

### **Monday, 10/2**

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

### **Tuesday, 10/3**

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6:30-7:30
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

### **Wednesday, 10/4**

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm

### **Thursday, 10/5**

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

### **Friday, 10/6**

- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

### **Saturday, 10/7**

- No current reservations

### **Sunday, 10/8**

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (P) Vestry Meeting, 12-1pm
- (Gr) Blessing of the Animals, 2pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

### **Location key:**

(C) Classroom off the Great Hall  
(G) Great Hall  
(Gr) Grove  
(K) Kitchen  
(M) Music Room  
(P) Parlor  
(S) Sanctuary  
(U) Undercroft  
(Z) Zoom

**Worship Opportunities:**

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

**Growth and Fellowship:**

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
  - Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:15 am - Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

- 10/8 – Blessing of the Animals
- 10/31 – candles in the cemetery
- 11/4 – All Souls special service

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter's Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at [StThomasOffice@googlegroups.com](mailto:StThomasOffice@googlegroups.com).

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: [www.StThomasNewarkDE.church](http://www.StThomasNewarkDE.church)

### **October Birthdays**

Madison Ballard	October 2
Michael Grabowski	October 3
Teresa Doggett	October 4
Sharon South	October 5
Susan Fletcher	October 7
Shawna Corsello	October 9
Kate Donnelly	October 12
Kelly Vickers	October 10
Katie Price	October 14
Elenore Twardus	October 16
Joseph Tompkins	October 21
Joshua Payne	October 26
Richard Fincher	October 26
Judith Fincher	October 26
Marjorie Cann	October 28
Bob Gilley	October 28
Matthew Handling	October 29
Joshua Grieten	October 30

### **October Anniversaries**

Edward and Krista Murray	October 2
Michael and Sarah Picollelli	October 10
Joseph and Lisa Swain	October 10
Duncan and Velda Pike	October 12
David and Susan Fletcher	October 19
George and Jo-Ann Grier	October 23
Rick and Donna Rotandi	October 26
Wayne and Donna Weaver	October 27
Dennis and Jinglan Redder	October 31

## Parish Prayer List

Archer family	Francis M	Jim T	Michael C
Austin M & Krissy V	Christine D	John D	Mike G
Barry G	Chuck & Paula R	Jonny K	Morgen and family
Bernice R	Connie C	Judy B	Mullens family
Betty H	Connie L	June G	Nancy G
Blackman family	Court W	Karen R	Nicholas M
Bob M	D Green	Kathryn D	Nicholas M
Bob P	Daphne D	Kelly K	Pam D
Bob S	Denise B	Krista B	Pat & Emmett J
Bob T	Dennis R	Lane family	Paula B
Brendan S	Devon MD	Larry	Richardson family
Brighton P	Elaine W	Liz R	Rick R
Carew family	Eley family	Loretta M	Ricky G
Carol G	Elmer T	Lorraine CS	Shannan D
Carol M	Erin & family	Lynn D	Shannon
Carolyn V	Flora R	Mara	Sharon O
Cecily SH	Frank W	Marge C	Sondra B
Charles B	Fred & Lori	Maria P	Sophie A
Charlie M &	Geoff C	Marian S & family	South family
Ellen S	George H	Marianne A	Stephen M
Chaun	Giorgio & family	Marilyn B	Stover B
Chris C	Harrison family	Mary T	Susan & family
Chris E	Janice F	Mary Ellen H	Terri B
Chris G	Jean & Richard P	Maryanne &	Tom H
Christine & Erich	Jeanne M	Bob	Tom P
Christine A &		Matt S	Vicki G

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military,  
in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	Charlie K	Kate	Nicholas
Annie R	Christie J	Kathy	Stacy
Ben	James	Kevin	Stuart
Bob	Jeremy	Luke	Tina
Bradley	Joe	Marvin	Tyler
Brett	Josh	Matthew	Victoria
Brian	Kagen	Nate	

*To update or add to our parish prayer list,  
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.  
Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be  
contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*

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Clerk of the Vestry: Sally Price

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Philippa Sunnergren

### Class of 2025

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Mike Grabowski  
Marilyn Prime

### Class of 2026

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