



St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Christiansburg, Virginia

*The family of St. Thomas', following the example of Jesus and moved by the Holy Spirit,
will serve and nourish our community with the gifts God has given each of us.*

St. Thomas' Mission Statement

The Rt. Rev. Karin MacPhail, Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Mark W. Frazier, Rector

Harvey Leist, Joe Richmeier, Wardens

Harvey Leist, Verger

John Priddy, Pianist

Amy Frazier, Choirmaster

Celebrating the Legacy of St. Francis of Assisi

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Prelude

Processional Hymn 405: "All things bright and beautiful"

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Opening Acclamation

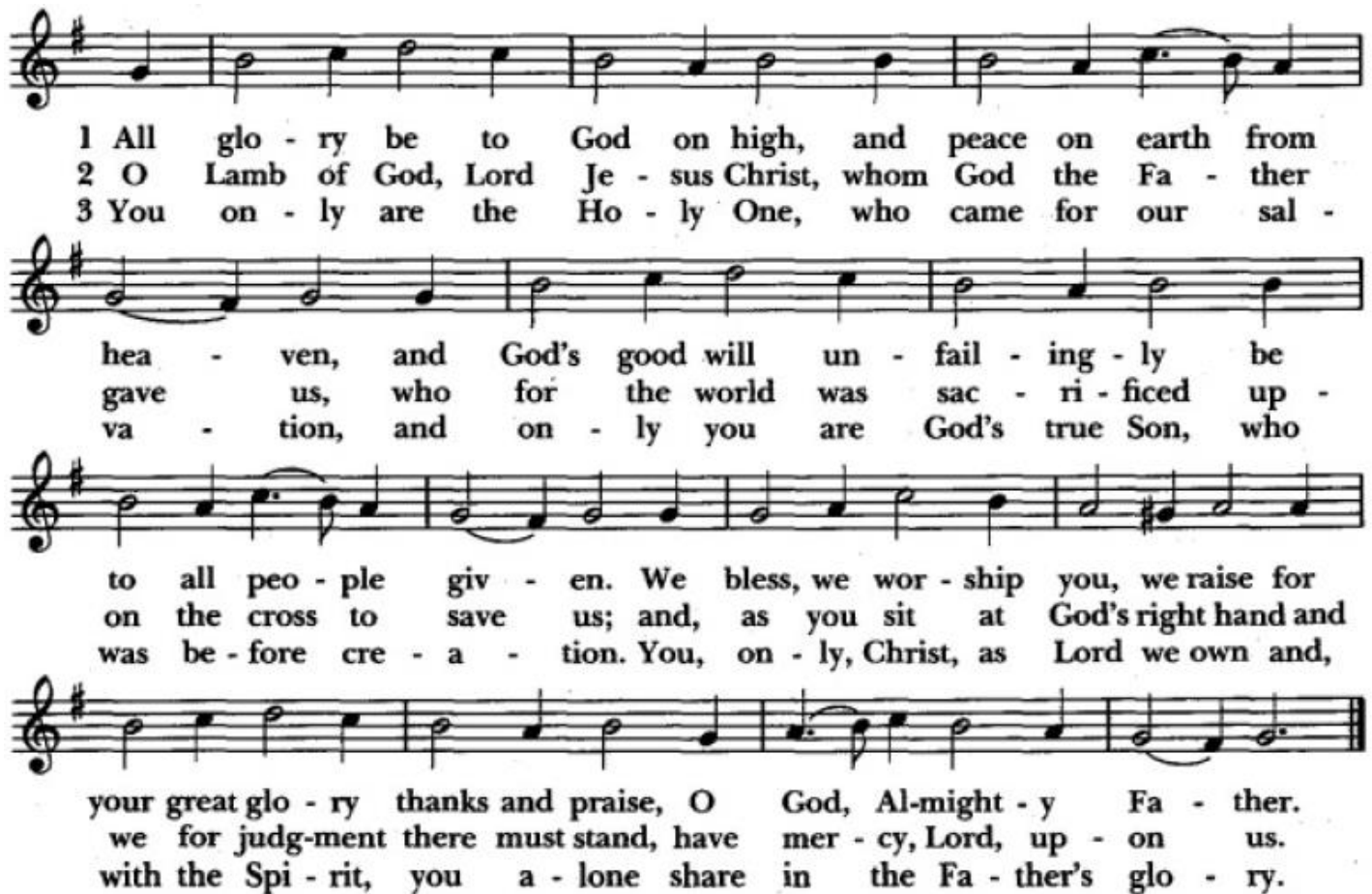
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise H 421: "All glory be to God on high"



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

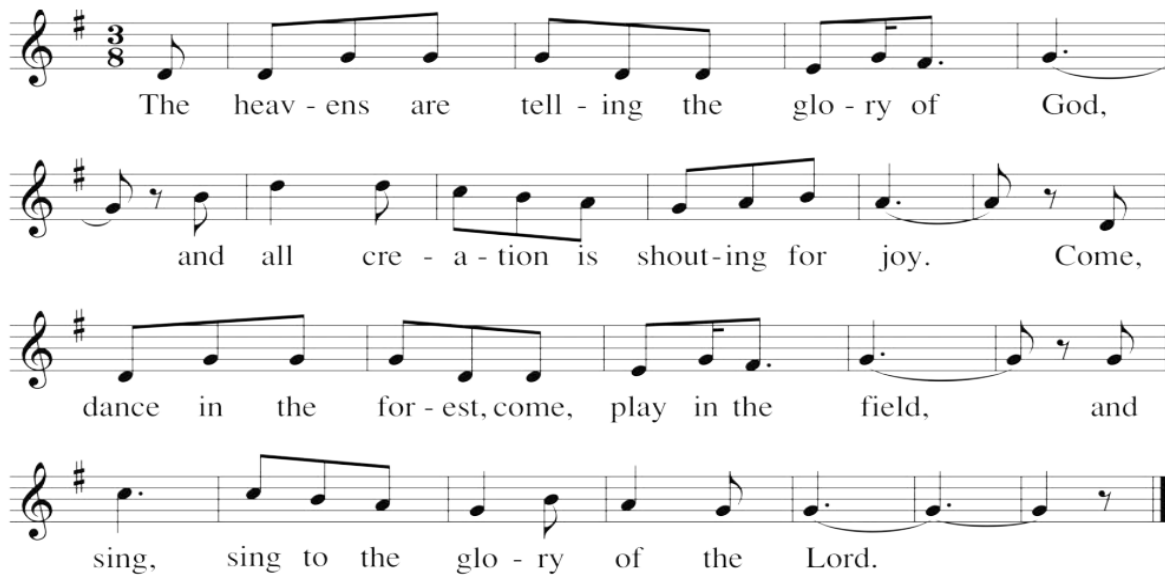
Reader: A reading from the book of Job. (12:7-10a)

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

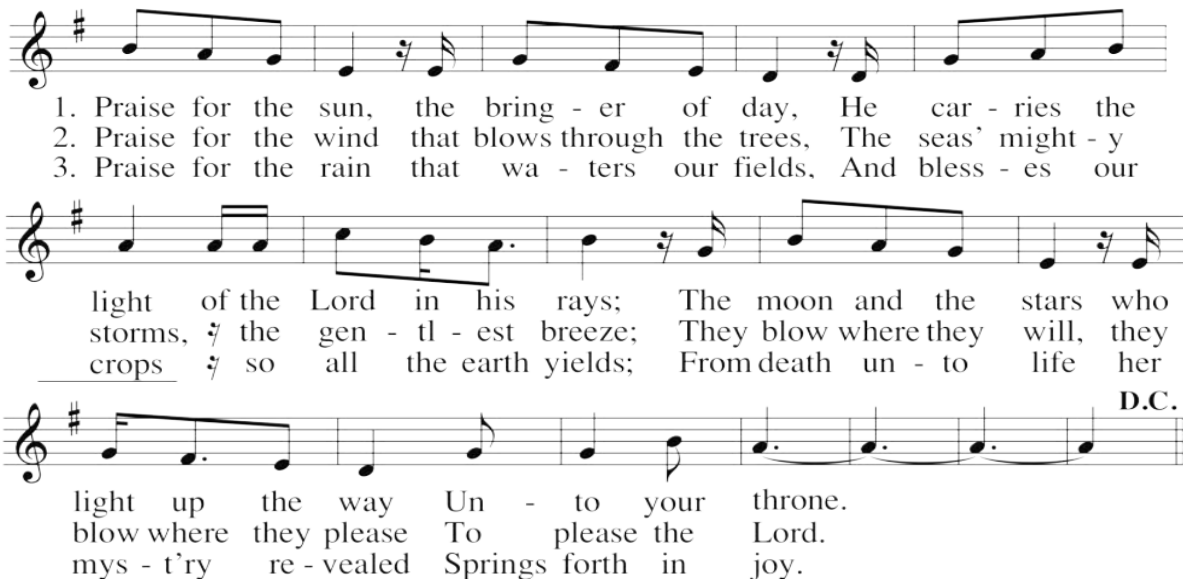
People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: The Canticle of the Sun



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.

The Second Reading

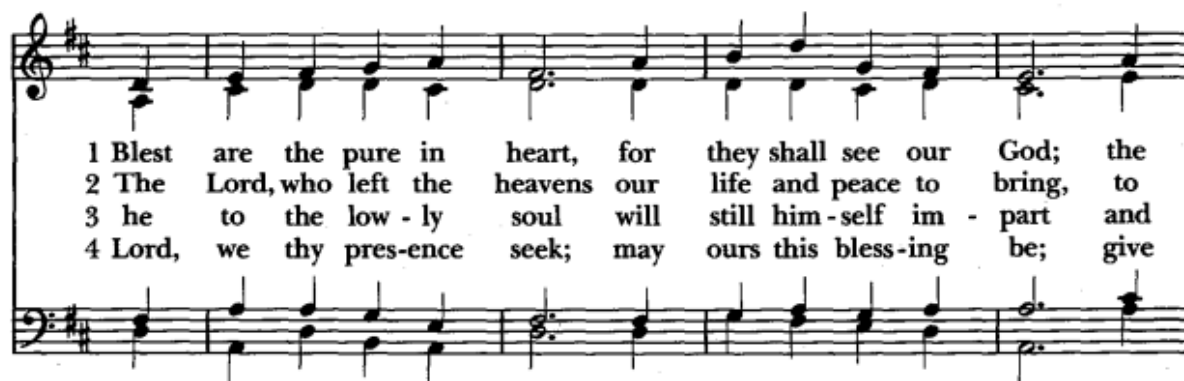
Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians. (3:12-17)

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

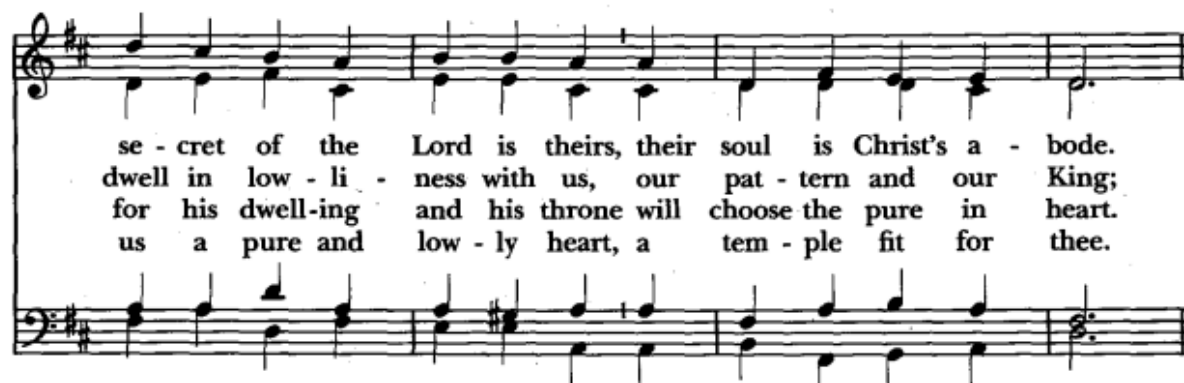
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 656: Blest are the pure in heart" (v 1, 2)



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres-ence seek; may ours this bless-ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell-ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (12:2-32)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn 656: "Blest are the pure in heart" (v 3, 4)

Sermon..... Rev. Jon Greene

The Nicene Creed

All: 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 I

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Prayer of St. Francis"M.J. Burford

Doxology (Hymn 380, v 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: God 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.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

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

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

Celebrant: 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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant: 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 WLP 858





Celebrant: 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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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.

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

Celebrant: God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

People: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

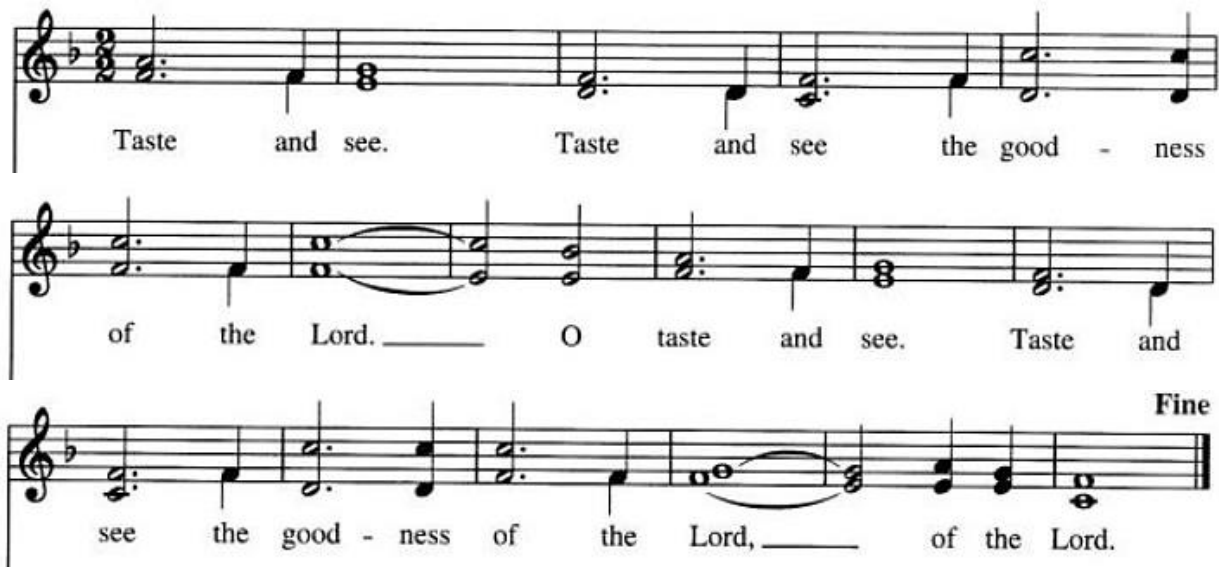
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem WLP 764



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 416: "For the beauty of the earth"

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift-eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Birthdays

10/6-Ryan L. in Green Cottage at Boys Home

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Pray for the members of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Pray for grace and peace in the Diocese of Haiti and pray for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Announcements

Welcome to St. Thomas! Today's readings and prayers will focus on the ministry and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to the parish hall after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Today is food bank Sunday. Donations of non-perishable food placed in the baskets at the church entrance will be

delivered to the food bank this week. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please note "Food Bank" on your check or envelope.

The Blessing of the Animals Service will be at 3pm in the church gardens. Thank you for your donations of dog food for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter!

We are collecting jars of peanut butter and cans of fruit for the Montgomery County Christmas Store through October. This year the need is greater than ever. Thanks so much for your contribution!

The next Backpack Program packing party is Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 5:45pm in the gym at the Bridge Foursquare Church in Christiansburg.

Next Sunday we will have a guest speaker, Nick Moga, who is the Episcopal Relief & Development coordinator for the diocese.

The St. Thomas parish retreat is Sunday, October 25th, at Alta Mons in Shawsville (2842 Crockett Springs Rd). The day starts with service at 10am and follows with a potluck lunch. We will be in the Dining Hall for service and lunch. Then enjoy the afternoon hanging out, hiking the trails, or playing games. You can learn more about Alta Mons on their website, <https://www.altamons.org>, or Facebook page, AltaMons.

CALENDAR for the Week (October 4—October 11)

Today	10 AM	Holy Eucharist
	3 PM	Blessing of the Animals
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7 PM	NA
Wednesday	8 PM	NA
Thursday	1 PM	Watercolor Class
	7 PM	Evening Prayer
Friday	8 PM	NA
Next Sunday	10 AM	Holy Eucharist

In the Lord's service today

Altar Guild: Kathleen Fowler, Kathy Pollard
Announcements: Kathy Fowler
Chalice Bearer: Val Tweedie
Lay Reader: Jennifer Miller
Ushers: Joe Straub, Chris Witt
Zoom Operator: Joel Hagen

& Next Sunday, Oct. 11th

Altar Guild: Karen Bronaugh, Gail Leist, Crystal Priddy
Announcements: Joel Hagen
Chalice Bearer: Danielle Bland
Lay Reader: Mark Priest
Ushers: Joe Straub, Chris Witt
Zoom Operator: Val Tweedie