

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH

St. Thomas Episcopal Parish, Church and School is a place to feel welcomed, to be loved, and to grow in faith.

We are an inclusive and diverse Christian parish that seeks to transform lives

by engaging in actions that will enhance our relationship with God, with each other, and with our community.

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Ordinary Time, Proper XX

September 25, 2022

The Order of Procession

Thurifer

Cross

Torches

Chapel Choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School

Choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Church

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Cross

Head of School

Faculty and Staff

✠

Cross

The Board of Trustees of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School

The Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Parish

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Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Rector

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Organ Prelude

On Earth and all stars

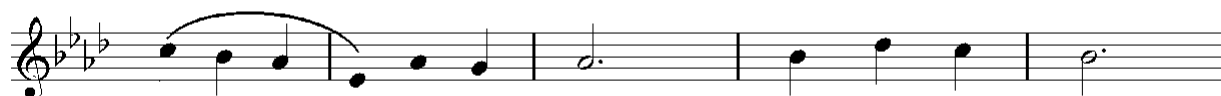
Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn and procession

Opening Hymn BH #412

Earth and All Stars



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



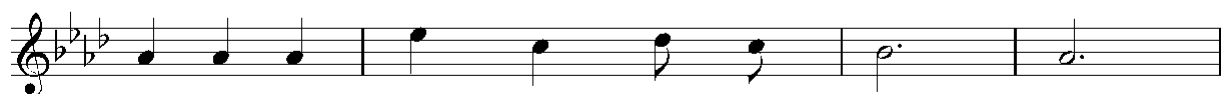
1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, 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. **Amen.**



Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Episcopal Schools Celebration

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those who are in school with us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

The Word of God

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

(32:1-3a, 6-15)

Reader: Mikey Giannakopoulos

This is the message Jeremiah received from God in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah. It was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was holding Jerusalem under siege. Jeremiah was shut up in jail in the royal palace.

Jeremiah said, "God's Message came to me like this: Prepare yourself! Your cousin Hanamel is on his way to see you. He is going to say, 'Buy my field in Anathoth. You have the legal right to buy it.'

"And sure enough, just as God had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me while I was in jail and said, 'Buy my field in Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin, for you have the legal right to keep it in the family. Buy it. Take it over.'

"That did it. I knew it was God's Message.

"So I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I paid him seventeen silver shekels. I followed all the proper procedures: In the presence of witnesses I wrote out the bill of sale, sealed it, and weighed out the money on the scales. Then I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy that contained the contract and its conditions and also the open copy—and gave them to my secretary, Baruch. All this took place in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses who had signed the deed, as the Jews who were at the jail that day looked on.

"Then, in front of all of them, I told Baruch, 'These are orders from the God of Heaven, the God of Israel: Take these documents—both the sealed and the open deeds—and put them for safekeeping in a pottery jar. For the God of Heaven, the God of Israel, says, "Life is going to return to normal. Homes and fields and vineyards are again going to be bought in this country."

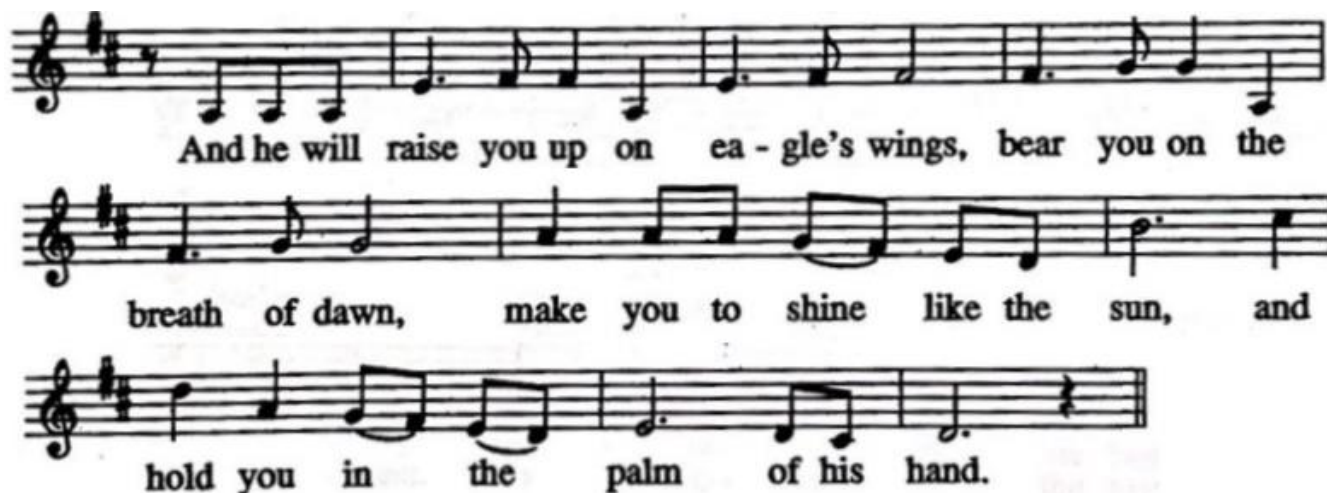
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

*The organ will play the Psalm Refrain, then the Choir will sing it for us to learn.
The third time, and at each "R", you are invited to sing along*



*1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord. Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"*

Refrain

*2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield**

Refrain

*3 You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come*

Refrain

*4 For to His angels He's given a command: To guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

Refrain

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy

(6:6-19)

Reader: Ava Nicole Rodriguez-Paz

A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the simple wealth of being yourself before God. We entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, so if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough.

But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses.

I'm charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took his stand before Pontius Pilate and didn't give an inch: Keep this command to the letter, and don't slack off. Our Master, Jesus Christ, is on his way. He'll show up right on time, his arrival guaranteed by the Blessed and Undisputed Ruler, High King, High God. He's the only one death can't touch, his light so bright no one can get close. He's never been seen by human eyes—human eyes can't take him in! Honor to him, and eternal rule! Amen!

Tell those who are rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospel

Alleluia Verse

Alstott

"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich"



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The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:19-31)
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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

After the preacher says a blessing you may be seated for the Sermon

The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Fleck

Please rise for the proclamation of the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed

**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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

The Prayers of the People

The choir will sing the prayer refrain, then the congregation will repeat it.
We will all sing the refrain together when indicated below

The musical score is written for a choir and congregation. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O". The score includes repeat signs and a final double bar line.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Intercessor: Let us pray to God in confidence and trust.
For Peter, Michael, Justin and all bishops,
for Tim, Ed and all priests and deacons,
and for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world;
For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness
it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth;
For St. Thomas Parish,
and for all the faith communities of this city,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People: {Taize Refrain}

Intercessor: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow within our nation and among all people;
For refugees, prisoners, and all in danger,
For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
For those on our parish prayer list,
and those we name before you now:
(moment of silence)
For those who have died and for those who mourn, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: {Taize Refrain}

Intercessor: For the earth and our fellow creatures;
For all who have injured or offended us,
and for all whom we have injured or offended;
For grace to amend our lives and to live eternally in your Kingdom,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People: {Taize Refrain}

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
The people stand or kneel

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.

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

You may be seated for the Announcements and Offertory.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Poor man Laz'rus

Jester Hairston

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scan this QR Code with your smartphone,
or Venmo to @stepsmiachurch*



The Holy Communion

A prayer for Spiritual Communion (prayed together by all those not physically present)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, especially at St. Thomas where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching our Worship*, 2000.

Please stand as you are able

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 God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus from the Mass for Creation Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en 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.

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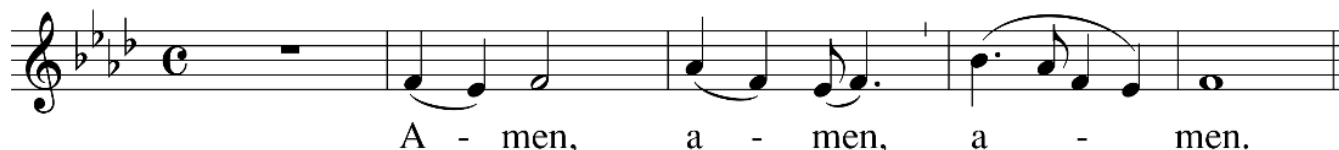
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem WLP #869

Cordero de Dios

Mathias



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
Holy gifts for holy people.

Communion Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Arr. Manz

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's holy table,
no matter your background or denomination in the church.*

*You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail and extend your hands to receive communion.
If you do not wish to receive communion, you may still come forward
and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.*

*If the altar steps are a challenge for you, please use the side steps where there are handrails.
If you cannot come forward, let the usher know, and we will bring Communion to you in your pew.*

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when scheduled)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body
and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

After Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we who share his body live his risen life; May we who drink his cup bring life to others; May we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people

Closing Hymn BH #473:

Lift high the cross

*St. Denio

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and they respond, saying

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

On Crucifer

John Leavitt

Composer names are listed to the right of each Hymn. If there is no known composer, * denotes the name of the traditional melody from which the hymn is based

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Lord we offer you our prayers for those on the parish prayer list

Week of September 23rd, 2022

BIRTHDAYS

Laura Moylan, Patricia Silva, Diana Propeck, Jaime Pozo, Paul Vignola, Alejandro Cortinas,
Samantha Stephan, Tavish Rice

ANNIVERSARIES

Van-Willem & Amy Van den Dijssel, Ed & Phebe Hibshman, Marshall & Morgan Smith,
Juan Elias & Ivette Calles

DEPARTED:

Robert Stamey (Father of Meg French)

IN NEED OF HEALING

We hold up to God's healing touch and love the following individuals:

Bradley Wagshul, Doug Rice, Evans Crews, Joseph Ramirez, Flo Garcia, Susana Moro-
Quimby, Margaret Kalbac, J.J. Harding, Steve Coldren, Nick Arroyo, Dan Bartholomew,
Bob Freyer, Ron Thompson, Charles Knight, Brendan Daria, Valerie Watt, Sarah Gable,
Mary Ann Brooks, Betty Phillips, Devin Bennar, Shelley Weymouth, Margret Palm, Heather
Nagel, Mary Lou Shad, Gwynn Elias, Reuben Trane, Zach Caron, Allison Langer, Eloine
Villarinoi, Kerry Corlett, Carol Catalano, Bryce Laury, Patricia, Ani Cata Taylor, Virginia
Elias, Clara Montoya, Karen Payne, Jim Karasoutos, Camila Velez, Jane Ann Wise, Fr.,
David Adams, Ralph, Jonathan Allison, Matteo DeSola, Bob McCammon, Jason Lippe, John
Malloy, Isabel Malloy, Ed Hammatt, Francisco Rodriguez, Kelly McCammon, Betty Curran,
Jennie Lou Reid, Debbie Corbishley, Monica Oritz, George Brown

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Looking to expand your service here at St. Thomas? We are always on the lookout for both Lectors and Ushers! No prior experience needed, just a love for the good word and the people of St. Thomas. Schedules are always flexible to your availability for both ministries with no additional commitment needed outside of the 10:15 AM service Sunday.

We would love to see as many of you as possible join in these wonderful and fulfilling ministries.

If interested, please contact Lovell in the front office at lorose@stepsmia.org