

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 8:45 AM**

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## **Welcome GUESTS & VISITORS!**

*We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out an “I’m New” card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.*

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.*

*To request prayers, please fill out the “Pray” card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or hand to one of the clergy. Prayers of the People are written weekly. They are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.*

*Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 9:30-11:30am.*

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Prelude

### Opening Song

*Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

Chorus:

***Come now is the time to worship.***

***Come now is the time to give your heart***

***Come just as you are to worship.***

***Come just as you are before your God***

***Come***

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow

With all our heart soul mind and strength

we gladly choose You now

## Acclamation

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

## Collect for Purity

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

Cantor sings Refrain, then Congregation

Refrain  
Cantor: *f* ♩ = 176

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to God!

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

Capo 2: (D) E (A/D) B/E (G/D) A/E (A/D) B/E  
(Tacet on repeat)

peo - ple on earth!

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Children pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will  
process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

### **The First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-9a***

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

*Response*      ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Psalm: *Psalms 116:1-8***

***<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.***

***<sup>2</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.***

***<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”***

***<sup>4</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.***

***<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.***

***<sup>6</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.***

***<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.***

***<sup>8</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.***

## The Second Reading: James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

Porter

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a *mf* dynamic and is divided into two parts: CANTOR and ALL. The lyrics are: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia. The second staff continues with CANTOR and ALL parts, with lyrics: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The third staff also has CANTOR and ALL parts, with lyrics: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! The score concludes with a double bar line.

## **Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

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

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Alleluia response**

## **The Sermon**

## 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.*

*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

*All remain standing.*

Deacon or other leader . . . Lord, in your mercy.

*Response     **Hear our prayer.***

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*Deacon or Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**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.**

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 children will return from Children's Church.*

## The Peace

*All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

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## Offertory Song

*Even So Come*

Tomlin/Cates/Ingram

All of creation, All of the earth,  
make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.  
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,  
let every nation shout of Your fame.  
Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain:

***Like a bride waiting for her groom  
we'll be a church ready for You.  
Every heart longing for our King  
we sing even so come,  
Lord Jesus come.  
Even so come,  
Lord Jesus come.***

There will be justice, all will be new.  
Your name forever, faithful and true,  
Jesus is coming soon. (Refrain)

So we wait, we wait for You.  
God we wait, You're coming soon. (2X)

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
we'll be a church ready for You.  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
(we'll be) ready for You.  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come. (3X)

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

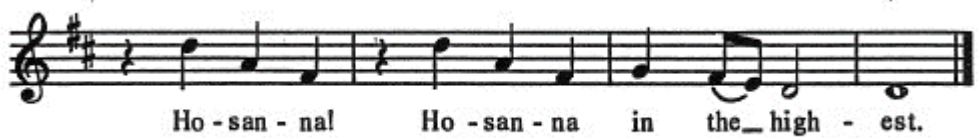
## Sanctus

Porter

ALL:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly—Lord, God of pow'r and  
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!



Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

***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.***

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*If you have a wheat allergy, please tell one of the clergy administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.*

### Communion Song

### *Waymaker*

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst,  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place,  
I worship You I worship YouWay

Chorus

***(You are) Way Maker***

***Miracle Worker***

***Promise Keeper***

***Light in the darkness***

***my God that is who You are***

You are here touching ev'ry heart,  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart,  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around,  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart,  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

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That is who You are, That is who You are,  
That is who You are, That is who You are,

Even when I don't see it You're working,  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working,  
You never stop You never stop working

## **Sending Forth**

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the sacrament to those hospitalized, ill at home or home-bound, the following is said:*

*Celebrant*

In the name of this congregation, go forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Congregation*

***We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one bread; one cup. Amen.***

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

***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**



## Closing Song

### *Your Love Awakens Me*

Chris Quilala, Phil Wickham

There were walls between us  
By the cross You came and broke them down  
You broke them down  
And there were chains around us  
By Your grace we are no longer bound  
No longer bound  
  
You called me out of the grave  
You called me into the light  
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus:

***Your love is greater***

***Your love is stronger***

***Your love awakens awakens awakens me***

(REPEAT)

Feel the darkness shaking  
All the dead are coming back to life  
I'm back to life  
Hear the song awaken  
All creation singing we're alive  
'Cause You're alive

And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
We're alive 'cause You're alive (2X)  
(Chorus)

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude





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