

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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

*He is Exalted*

Twila Paris

He is ex- alt- ed, the King is ex- alt- ed on high; I will praise Him.

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His

name! He is the Lord; for - ev - er His truth shall

reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in His ho - ly name.

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

## 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

*f*  $\text{♩} = 176$

Cantor:

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) (A/D) (G/D) (A/D)  
E B/E A/E 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

*Response      **Thanks be to God.***

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 54*

**<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.**

**<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

**<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.**

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

**<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**

**<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.**

**<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

**The Second Reading:** *James 3:13—4:3, 7-8A*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 CANTOR part has the lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!" and the ALL part has "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!" and "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!".

## Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples] passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it,<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.***

### **CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

***O Lord, Creator of all things,  
you love and care for us unconditionally,  
calling us to walk with you.***

***Grant us mercy and forgive our acts of injustice.***

***We acknowledge our humanity,  
praying that as you reconciled us through Christ,  
we will be good stewards of your resources.***

***We thank you for the leadership  
you have provided for St. Thomas  
and our beloved community.***

***We are humbly asking you to open our hearts, minds, and spirits  
as we commit our church to this Campaign.***

***In your most holy name we pray. Amen.***

***Accept our prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor  
to rafter, "All are welcome in this place!"***

## 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

*Sanctuary*

Thompson, Scruggs

Chorus:

**Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You**

## Offertory

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

## 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:

*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.*

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

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

## *Build My Life*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing,  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name,  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe,  
We live for You.  
We live for You

Chorus:

***Holy there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me***

I will build my life upon Your love,  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken

Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,  
Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

## 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**

### *Great Things*

Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham

Come let us worship our King,  
Come let us bow at His feet,  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done,  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things,  
He has done great things

Chorus:

***O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things***



You've been faithful through every storm,  
You'll be faithful forevermore,  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again,  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things,  
God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all,  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT).  
You've done great things

You have done great things,  
O God You do great things

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude





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