

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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

*Here I Am to Worship*

Tim Hughes

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

***So here I am to worship***

***Here I am to bow down***

***Here I am to say that You're my God***

***And You're altogether lovely***

***Altogether worthy***

***Altogether wonderful to me***

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

## **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* ♩ = 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) 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:** *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 19:7-14*

<sup>7</sup>*The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

<sup>8</sup>*The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

<sup>9</sup>*The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

<sup>10</sup>*More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

<sup>11</sup>*By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

<sup>12</sup>*Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

<sup>13</sup>*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.*

<sup>14</sup>*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*

**The Second Reading:** *James 5:13-20*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 (C). The first staff begins with a *mf* dynamic and is labeled 'CANTOR:'. It contains the melody for 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!'. The second staff is labeled 'ALL:' and contains the melody for 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The third staff is labeled 'CANTOR:' and contains the melody for 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!'. The fourth staff is labeled 'ALL:' and contains the melody for 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

## **Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

*Graves into Gardens*

Lake/Brown/Furtick/Hudson

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me.  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus:

***Oh there's nothing better than You***  
***There's nothing better than You***  
***Lord there's nothing***  
***Nothing is better than You***

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

## 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!  
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 Anthem

## Shine on Us

Deborah Smith/Michael Smith

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 72$  C F/C C Em/G F2 G/B C F/C

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. Lord, let Your  
2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. Lord, let Your  
3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us. Lord, let Your

C Em/G F2 G/B C C/E F G/B C C/E

light, light of Your face shine on us. That we may be saved, that  
grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. That we may be saved, that  
love, love with no end come o - ver us. That we may be saved, that



11 F G/B Csus C C/E F E/G# Am F

we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your light  
 we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your grace  
 we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your love

15 C/G G7 C | 1, 2 | 3 Am Am/G F C/G G7 C

shine on us. us, let Your light shine on us.  
 fall on us.  
 come o - ver

### Shine Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112 A Asus A E/A A Asus

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -  
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

4 A E/A D E/D C#m F#m

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 to Your rad - i - ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,  
 play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

7 D E/D C#m F#m G Esus E

set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me,  
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me,  
 mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me,

11 G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A Esus E

shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
 shine on me.  
 shine on me.

17 A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A G Esus E A E/A A D A/C#

Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

23 Bm Bm/A Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm E7

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be

**INSTRUMENTAL**

1, 2 | 3  
 D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A A D/A A

light.

## **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

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Rick Founds

Lord I lift your name on high  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you are in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

Chorus:

***You came from heaven to earth  
to show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high.***

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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