

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 8:45 AM

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Chorus:

**'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)**

Chorus:

**Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna hosanna

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/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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24*

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm: *Psalm 8*

¹***O LORD our Governor, ****

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²***Out of the mouths of infants and children ****

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³***You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ****

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ****

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵***What is man that you should be mindful of him? ****

the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶***You have made him but little lower than the angels; ****

you adorn him with glory and honor;

⁷***You give him mastery over the works of your hands; ****

you put all things under his feet:

⁸*All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,*

⁹*The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, **

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰*O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!*

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Response Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Musical notation for Alleluia. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The music is divided into three sections: a CANTOR section marked *mf* and an ALL: section. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

CANTOR: ALL:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

mf CANTOR: ALL:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Offertory Song

All Creatures of Our God and King

Yancy

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him hallelujah
God made the sun to shine so bright
The moon and the stars they glow at night
O praise Him hallelujah
O praise Him hallelujah
All of you with a tender heart
Serving each other do your part
O praise Him hallelujah
With each new day we will rejoice
Singing His praise we lift our voice
O praise Him hallelujah
O praise Him hallelujah

Chorus

***Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah we sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah we sing***

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him hallelujah
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him hallelujah
O praise Him hallelujah

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

How Great is Our God

Tomlin, Cash, Reeves

The splendor of the King
clothed in majesty,
let all the earth rejoice
all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice
and trembles at His voice

Chorus:

***How great is our God,
Sing with me
How great is our God,
And all will see how great
How great is our God***

And age to age He stands
and time is in His hands
beginning and the End
beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one

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Father Spirit Son
the Lion and the Lamb
the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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

Indescribable

Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus:

***Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God***

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
or seen heavenly storehouses Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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