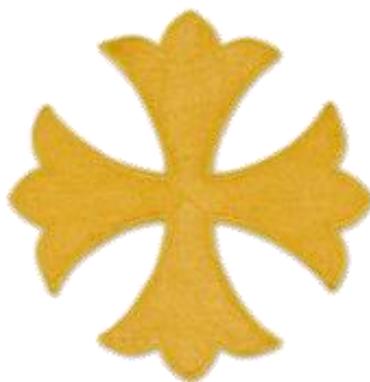


St. Thomas Episcopal Church

"To Know Christ's Love and To Make It Known."



+ The Table +

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

The Word

GATHERING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship
Led by: Joey McGee

God has been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were raised up,
before the universe was even formed,
God has been there for us.

**So let us live in him,
rooted and established in the faith of Christ,
and abounding in thanksgiving.**

Love God, love your neighbour.
All the laws of Moses,
and all the teaching of the prophets,
hang on these two commandments.

**May the love of God be upon us,
establishing whatever is loving in the work of our hands.
Yes, let God establish all that is loving in the work of our hands.**

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus Messiah
Led by: Joey McGee

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Most loving God, may the Spirit of Christ subdue our foolish ways. Send in his love to explore and transform even the secret and dark territory of our mind and soul. Let us grow in our passion for your glory, and in compassion for our neighbours. Let love be our code and our creed, our word and our deed. To your eternal glory and praise. Amen!

A reading from Leviticus

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

Be The Centre
Led by: Joey McGee

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew Matthew 22:34-46
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Angela M. Cortiñas

THE PRAYERS

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this country. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION

Walk in love as Christ loves us, an offering and sacrifice to God

The Table

GATHERING & PREPARING TABLE SONG

*Worship The King
Led by: Joey McGee*

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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 say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 the 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 St. 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.

AMEN.

As Christ teaches us, we pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

+++ All are invited to share in the banquet of Christ's Table. +++

COMMUNION SONG

These Things Are True of You
Led by: Joey McGee

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING OUT/BLESSING

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Soon and Very Soon
Led by: Joey McGee

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

St. Thomas Prayer List

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

("Prayer for Those We Love," Book of Common Prayer 831)

For Healing & Support

Nancy Mason
Shelby Lee (Niles)
Michael Kelley (Hill)
Quinn Kennedy Weigand (Glover)
Heather Frieda & family (Niles)
Sue Muckleroy (Martha)
Linda Duncan (Martha)
Qwinley
Brad Isenhardt
Tippy Lange (BHR)
Emma Dahmann and family (STELC)
Shirley Rawlinson (Krinhop)
Jan Tankersly (Lawrence)
The Jez Family
Woody Isenhardt
Jim Heilman
Corinna
Aimee Allen
Charlie Van Eman (STELC)
Jill Gray
Exa Carter
Nancy Nelson
Kay & Steve Parker
Mackie Bobo-White
Bill Phillips
Mark Oakland
David (Kerr)
Steve & Virginia Bate (Elbert)
Exa Carter

Martin Mufich
Charlotte McKenzie
Douglas Jensen (STELC)
Phillip Y. (STELC)
Rhoda Segur
Bonnie Harris-Reynolds
Joey Pomykal
Jerry Cornforth (Allen)
Bryan Ford
Judi Stewart (Love)
Joyce Gorzycki
Tate Doyle (Montgomery)
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)
The Bond Family
Bonnie Harris-Reynolds
Mary Oxley

Military Service & Traveling

Brent Owen
Andrew Brink (Hill)
Shane Flores (McKenzie)
Blane Theeck
Nathan Tyron (Rueschhoff)
Tanner Johnson (Krinhop)
Rob & Andrea Holt (Holt)
John Harrison
Shane Baker (Parker)
Christian Walker (Niles)
Noelle Harris

Community

Thankful for all our generous stewards here at St. Thomas and in our wider community.

Serving in today's liturgy:

Celebrant: Rev. Angela Cortiñas

Preacher: Rev. Angela Cortiñas

Worship Musicians: Joey McGee and Mike Pilant