

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

To know Christ's love and to make it known.



Holy Eucharist

Rite II

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Prelude “Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord)”

Johann Gottfried Walther

Processional “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymnal 390

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant and all

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Word of God

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

BCP 234

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading**Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-13 *We will say Psalm 96 together in unison.*

BCP 725

**Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Angela Cortiñas

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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, Form III

BCP 385

The St. Thomas Prayer List is found on page 12.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops: Michael, Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; priests, Angela and Rich, and deacons Charlotte;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Jules Jacquin.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

Celebrant

Gracious God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world. For this, we pray to the Lord. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

The Priest, stands and says

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 Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

• **Coffee Talk *CHANGE*** with Pastor Angela, 9:45-10:45 am **Wednesdays** outside at Blue Baker on University Drive.

- Adding Holy Eucharistic services: **Noon Day Holy Eucharist**, Wednesdays via in-person or zoom. See eblast or St. Thomas calendar for zoom link. **The Table Service** at 5 pm, Sundays via in-person or zoom
- Join Music Director and Organist Bonnie Harris-Reynolds for **Hymnody class**, “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,” in-person and via zoom; Wed. 5:30pm.
- **Journey to Generosity** 2021 responses are coming in and we are thankful that **\$117,574 has been pledged by 19 parishioners**. We are grateful for all responses – in fact, 100% participation is a second goal, with the other goal to have pledges totaling \$425,000. You may return your pledge on-line, via website, email Kammy, or drop in offertory plate.
- **Amazing!** Thank you to all who have contributed towards our YTD-August shortfall of \$60,000. Your gifts of generosity of **\$26,100 additional** support is a compelling witness to the parish’s faith, hope and commitment to our mission and vision. We are grateful for any amount. This takes the whole St. Thomas village!
- **Rector’s Bible Study**, held in-person and via zoom. A study on John’s Gospel. Recommended reading, not required, “Conversations with Scripture-The Gospel of John (Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study) by Cynthia Briggs Kittridge.
- **Elementary Sunday School** – Godly Play (in-person) meeting outside at 9:15. Wear a mask and bring water. Also available **Sunday School at Home**. Digital formation where you have packets and videos. Packets are available to pick up.
- **Youth Gatherings**, 5th-8th grade Thursdays after school. A second opportunity for 5th-8th graders is at 9:15. Attend one or both. Sr. High (9th-12th graders) will meet First Sundays at 11:45 with other opportunities to gather for coffee, hiking, giving back to our community and special fun events!
- **Thank you for your offerings to support the ministries of St. Thomas:**
 - You may give through our web site: <https://www.stthomasbcs.org/give-on-line>
 - You may give through the St. Thomas BCS app: Click on the heart icon marked “Give” at the bottom center of the welcome screen.
 - Mail check to: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 George Bush Dr., CS 77840

Blessings for Birthdays and Anniversaries

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Birthdays

Donny Hall
Jennifer McKenzie

Beverli Davis
Katy Scott

Jane Labyer
Page Crowder

Anniversary

Andy & Jessica Hubnik

The Holy Communion

The Offertory “From all who dwell below the skies”

Hymnal 380

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn, “Lord of Sea and Sky” Wonder, Love, & Praise 812

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing BCP 366

Hymn “God of grace and God of glory” Hymnal 594

The Dismissal BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude “In Dir ist Freude (In Thee is gladness)” J.S. Bach

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

The Bond Family
Shelby Lee (Niles)
Douglas Jensen (STELC)
Noelle Harris
Nancy Mason
Michael Kelley (Hill)
Quinn Kennedy Weigand (Glover)
Heather Frieda & family (Niles)
Sue Mucleroy (Martha)
Linda Duncan (Martha)
Qwinley
Brad Isenhardt
Tippy Lange (BHR)
Emma Dahmann and family (STELC)
Shirley Rawlinson (Krinhop)
Don Shelby
Woody Isenhardt
Jim Heilman
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)
Shawn McGee (McGee)
Phillip Y. (STELC)
Joey Pomykal

Jerry Cornforth (Allen)
Bryan Ford
Judi Stewart (Love)
Joyce Gorzycki
Tate Doyle (Montgomery)
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)
Charlotte McKenzie
Bonnie Harris-Reynolds
Corinna
Jez Family
Mary Oxley

Deceased

Jules Jacquin

Military Service & Traveling

Christian Walker (Niles)
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)

Community

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

Serving in today's liturgy:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Angela Cortiñas
Music Director & Organist: Bonnie Harris-Reynolds
Soloist: Alix Neeley
Lector: Nancy Leslie
VPOD: John Schuessler