



ST. THOMAS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO

If you must talk, whisper a prayer to God. Please turn off all cell phones.

PRELUDE

Sanctuary

Alleluia III 138

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Lord of the Dance

Alleluia III 11

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.**

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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pass it On

Alleluia III 133

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Alleluia III 161

THE SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Alleluia III 81

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda, our Bishop, and Brian, our Assisting Bishop; Virginia, Ranie and Jeannie, our clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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; especially Kevin Alspaugh, Cindy & Tom Atkins, Nancy Dudney Clayton, Darlene Davis, Maureen Drost, Mary Gant, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Ann Knowles, Pamela Lloyd, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Lip Moy, Diane Powell, Barbara Rackley, Dan Seaman, Jean & Jack Simon, Brenda & Horton Smith, Susan Smith, Jim Stilson, Al Stokes, Kay Strobel, Elizabeth Tagg, Susan Waddle, and Jane Williams, let us pray to the Lord.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Leza Jeffries (friend of G. Mauldin) and Richard Strobel.

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.

All Gracious God, we commend to your care all military men and women, both veterans and those presently serving, both home and abroad. We give thanks for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. Grant them a sense of your abiding peace wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lucky Crews, Linda Anders-Friese, Mikki Knight, Trenton Plank, Elizabeth Cook, Kathryn Davis, Amelia Roberts, Mary Lackey, Rosemary Roberts, Allie Hisaw, Frank Sutton, Tim Davis, Lorri Stricklen, and Mario Dippolito.

We ask your prayers for our Colonia Episcopal Students Ligia, Kensity, Wilson, Maycol, Eric M., Seylin, Jennifer, Jeimy, Josselin, Marcos, Jefferson, Jeison, Erick S., Anthony, Kimberlyn, Saira, Alex, Escarleth, Erlin, and Anderson.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sins

BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All who seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

Alleluia III 171

DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Alleluia III 44

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Alleluia III 230

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

Alleluia III 107

Alleluia 8-Fold

Alleluia III 6

Alleluia, He is Coming

Alleluia III 7

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION

I'll Fly Away

Alleluia 87

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev. Ranie Neislar, Associate Priest
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe, Interim Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Jeannie Randall
Choir Director	Kathy Heim
Organist	Marlene Brown

10:30 A.M.

Eucharistic Minister	Gretchen Mauldin
Acolytes	Abby Randall, Grayson Brewer, Vivianne Brown, Walter Brown
Lectors	Bob Thurber, Susy Thurber
Ushers	Jeanne & John Crown, Bill Davenport
Greeters	Jenna Pirani, Lloyd Cook

Vestry on Duty	Jenna Pirani, Suzanne Mohler
Altar Guild	Gretchen Mauldin, Brenda Smith, Carey McIntyre
Flower Guild	Mary Thompson, Norma Deston
Breakfast	No Breakfast – Lobsterfest Weekend
Refreshments	No Refreshments – Lobsterfest Weekend
Sunday Evening	No Service or Supper – Lobsterfest Weekend

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ann L. Ellis by Greg Ellis.

OUR PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2022

We pray for the ill or distressed: **Doris, Betty** (K. Allison's mother & friend); **Joy, Sonya, Hunter** (L. Atkins' mother, friends); **Dean, Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Jean** (M. Bannister's mother); **Sam** (S. Barnett's son); **Pam** (B. Beene's sister); **Frances** (M. Bestor's aunt); **Brenda** (K. Boyer's friend); **Stephen** (Brecciaroli's son-in-law); **Travis** (E. Cantrell's nephew); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Frankie Lou, Faye, Hinson family, Dinsmore family** (A. Chilton's friends); **Dave** (W. Christian's friend); **Maria** (A. Clark's relative); **Mary, Mark** (D. Clark's niece, friend); **Elizabeth, Mack, Debbie, Marion, Rosemarie** (K. Clayton's friends & cousins); **Randy** (T. Clements' brother-in-law); **Laura, Ralph** (Conovers' friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Cailey** (J. Crowley's grandchild); **Barbie** (J. Crown's daughter-in-law); **Bill** (B. Davenport's father); **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Charlotte, Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's mother, friends); **Brandey** (Drachlis' daughter); **James** (E. Duling's brother); **Cindy** (D. Eppling's daughter); **Jim** (Erwins' friend); **Dan** (C. Erwin's brother); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Kim** (K. Evans relative); **Jan** (M. Evans' friend); **Sarah** (Fambroughs' goddaughter); **Marcella** (L. Fowler's mother); **August** (Glandon's grandson); **Dominic** (B. son); **Brenda, Hugh** (G. Griffith's friends); **Greg** (D. Halsey's son); **Heather** (Hammonds' daughter); **David Nast** (J. Harper's in-law); **Libby** (M. Harris' friend); **Betty Christopher** (B. Harwell's friend); **Michael, Patrick** (D. Hattaway's brother, friend); **Carwin** (N. Hasbrouck's friend); **Luke** (Haulers' cousin); **Haley** (D. Hutson's friend); **Richard, Susan** (P. Johnson's friends); **Ann** (E. Jones' friend); **Lois, Holland** (J. Jurhs' friend & daughter); **Alfreda & Marilyn** (S. Kittle's sister & relative); **Judy** (C. Knickelbein's aunt); **Paul** (L. Kreider's father); **John** (A. Larkin's brother); **Clayton, Charlotte, Emma** (A. Lee's grandfather, friends); **Jerry, Dennis** (T. Lee's father, brother); **Frances** (P. Lloyd's friend); **Amy Beth** (P. Lloyd's daughter); **Sandra, Amy** (K. MacLeod's relatives); **Florence & her family; Dan** (D. McCauley's cousin & brother); **Nancy, Liam** (G. McCoy's daughter & great-grandson); **Jesse** (C. McGill's son); **Alex** (Meisters' family); **Don** (S. Meister's father); **Gail** (B. J. Merchant's friend); **Ben and Clifford** (B. Meyer's relatives); **Rev. Bernard, Will, Ann** (L. Mixon's friends); **Bambi, Pat** (S. Mohler's parents); **Chelsea & Eliot** (M. Miller's friends); **Daisy** (W. Moore's mother); **Lipford & Nelson** (L. Moy's brothers); **Frank, Ronnie** (Moys' in-law, friend); **Mac** (E. Naderi's father); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **Katie, Lisa** (N. Oberlies' friend, daughter); **Laura, Addie, Gina** (Pernas' daughter, granddaughter, daughter); **Hadley, Doug** (T. Perry's friends); **Sherry** (B. Perry's sister); **John** (L. Potter's friend); **David** (B. Rackley's son); **Nora** (granddaughter of the Robbs); **Charley, Dick, Teresa** (R. Ross' friends); **Janett** (L. Ryder's friend); **Nancy, Lorri** (C. Seaman's sister, sister-in-law); **Maureen** (M. Shaw's grandmother); **Alan; Mack; Kimberly, Shelia, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family; friends); **Linda** (friend of B & H Smith); **Chuck** (father-in-law of A.F. Pinion); **Yvonne and Lillian** (friends of the Steel's); **Pam** (friend of B. Stilson); **Zach** (J. Stokes' friend); **Kay** (C. Sutton's mother); **Bridget** (T. Talley's daughter); **Dorothy** (G. Taylor's friend); **Bradley** (Taylors' nephew); **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends); **Gina** (L. Thurber's friend); **Jeremy, Lana** (relative & daughter of L. West); and **Susie, Ken** (W. Wright's sister, friend).

We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially: **Ben Cathcart** (Bannisters' son-in-law); **Christian Clark** (D. Clark's son); **Graem Cook; Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Bob Devenish, Christopher Hahnemann** (Crowns' nephew); **Logan Dodson** (Dodsons' grandson); **Kathryn & Juan Muñera** (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **Brantley Scoggins** (P. & A. Evans' friend); **Zach Young** (N. Fisher's son-in-law); **Nick Moultrie, Parker Byrd, Chris Garcia** (J. Fletcher's friends); **Christopher Harris** (M. Harris' son); **Grover Lee Wilson, Teddy Lovejoy, Zane Goodnite** (S. Kittle's relatives); **Drexel Martin** (C. Knickelbein's cousin); **Patrick Macala** (R. Macala & K. Clayton's son); **Jackson Mayo** (Mayos' grandson); **Julia Flores** (D. McCauley's cousin); **Ben Meyer** (B. & L. Meyer's grandson); **Denise Marr; Luke, J. R.** (K. Strobel's friends) and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).

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The Week at-a-Glance

Sunday, Nov 13	
10:30 AM	Children's Service, Holy Eucharist, Nave Nursery Available
Monday, Nov 14	
6:00 PM	ESAU Society, Parish Hall
Wednesday, Nov 16	
10:30 AM	Visitation with the Strobel Family
11:30 AM	Richard Strobel's Funeral Service
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsals, Choir Room

During Advent we will have a special program each Wednesday. The Taizé service will be at 5:30 PM, supper at 6:00, and speakers at 6:30 PM. More details to follow.

Please come join us for our last Silver Saints Matinee Movie for the year at St. Thomas Parish Hall at 1:00 PM Thursday, November 17. Since this is a politics month, we have for you a fun, delightful movie titled “**Dave,**” starring Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. The theme of this movie is what happens when an exact look-alike must fill in for the President of the United States for a short time. Trust us, you will like it

Young Adult Pub Theology will be taking a break in November and December! See you in January 2023 on the Second Monday of the month!

Make plans to join us on **Sunday, November 20 at 9:30 A.M.,** as all ages gather in the Parish Hall to make **Advent wreaths** during the formation hour. We'll need some cuttings – preferably of evergreen branches that will stay green until Christmas. Please gather some in a trash bag and bring them to the Parish Hall **before November 16.** That way the Flower Guild Members can see how much they still need. Thanks.

St. Thomas will again this year be participating in **Shellie's Kids Christmas Present Drive.** Shellie's Kids is a local program that provides Christmas gifts to underprivileged kids in the Huntsville area. Each Sunday morning between and after services we will have a sign up sheet to buy gifts for a specific child . Any questions please contact Travis Lee at 850-503-5587 or tlee777790@gmail.com.”

Save the Date! Plan on pulling out that ugly Christmas sweater or other festive clothing to join the **ReGeneration group** on the evening of **Saturday, December 3.** Our fellow St. Thomas parishioners and chocolatiers, Gary and Elaine Dinstuhl, will be showing us how to make some sweet treats for the holiday season. For those that are interested, we will have childcare from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. You are welcome to bring friends! Contact Laura Beth Bestor (children@stthomashuntsville.org) or Michell York (michellyork@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

EPISTLE and Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at noon.