



# ST. THOMAS

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 15, 2023 10:30 AM**

### **The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

*It is the custom in the Episcopal Church to present ourselves to our Lord in silence before the service begins. Please silence your cell phones.*

#### **Prelude**

Blessed Be Your Name

AIII 21

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **Hymn in Procession**

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

#### **Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

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

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

*The celebrant says*

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**

Grace Flows Down

AIII 49

#### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The First Reading**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

**The Second Reading**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

Create in Me

AIII 28

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Children's Moment**

*Children may come forward to the step in front of the altar as we sing the refrain & verse 1 of "All Things Bright and Beautiful," Hymn 405.*

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 IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop,

Glenda, our Bishop, and Brian, our Assisting Bishop; for Donovan, Ranie, and Jeannie, our clergy, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe, our President, Kay, our Governor, Tommy, our mayor, and for all those in positions of public trust in our community, in our nation, and in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the good earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

We give thanks for the birthdays of Phoebe Jones, Pat Bedenbaugh, Dell Eppling, Clay Randall, Katie Daniels, Mary Grace McCorvey, George Harriman, John Baggentoss, Ann Ledyard, Ash Crews, and Jaiden Roberts.

And we pray for our Colonia Episcopal Students in Honduras: Yosli, Joseline, Oscar, Andrea, Escarleth, Jeimy, Anthony, Wilson, Josselin, Eric, Ana, Seylin, Kenzie, Genesis, Grodvan, Derek, and Sarai.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for Graham Arnold, Cindy & Tom Atkins, Eric Cantrell, Sharon Griffin, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Cyndi Jones & family, Ann Knowles, Lydia Kreider, Pam Lloyd, Janet McAlister, Julia & Jack Mayo, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Norma Oberlies, Melanie Payne, Karley Mauldin Renna, Dan Seaman, Connie Sharp, Quinn Hattaway Short, Alexander Steel, Al Stokes, Kay Strobel, Tim Talley, Ursula Vann, Jane Williams, and for those who we name now, either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

**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 Peace**

*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**

### **Offertory Anthem**

Just a Little Talk with Jesus AIII 90

*Please stand*

**Presentation Hymn**     Give Thanks AIII 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.

*A Proper Preface is offered by the celebrant here.*

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**

AIII 230

*The people stand or kneel, as 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, St. 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 say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

AIII 226

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in The Episcopal Church. If you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Come to the altar, cross your arms over your chest, and the clergy will provide a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### **Communion Hymns**

The Prayer of St. Francis

AIII 167

Holy is the Lord

AIII 65

### **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

The Servant Song

AIII 171

## The Dismissal



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## Worship Team for October 15, 2023

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Ranie Neislar
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Donovan Cain
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Dave Drachlis
<b>Music</b>	John Hanson & Joyful Noise

### OUR PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER 15, 2023

*We pray for the ill or distressed:* **The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Peter** (U. Allison's friend); **Dean, Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Kathy, James** (S. Barnett's relative & friend); **Pam** (B. Beebe's sister); **Matt** (A. Cain's father); **Larry** (Fr. D's uncle); **Glen Yates** (S. Carrier's friend); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Frankie Lou, Faye, Hinson family, Dinsmore family** (A. Chilton's friends); **Maria** (A. Clark's relative); **Mary, Mark** (D. Clark's niece, friend); **Randy** (T. Clements' brother-in-law); **Laura, Ralph** (Conovers' friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Mark** (G. Dinstuhl's son) **Jill** (R. Dippolito's & P. Johnson's friend); **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's friends); **Brandey** (Drachlis' daughter); **James** (E. Duling's brother); **Cindy** (D. Eppling's daughter); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Cecelia** (K. Evan's sister & S. Kittle's daughter); **Paul, Jennifer** (K. Evans' cousin & friend); **Jan** (M. Evans' friend); **Scott Harris** (Farmers' Market vendor); **Marcella** (L. Fowler's mother); **Billy, Rhonda** (The Geis' friends); **Martha** (O. Gibson's relative); **Nikki, Mike** (C. Green's friends); **Thomas** (B. Greenaway's son); **Will, Tim, Jane, Kathy** (G. Griffith's grandson, friends) **Libby** (M. Harris' friend); **Betty Christopher** (B. Harwell's friend); **Michael, Patrick, Destiny** (D. Hattaway's brother, friends); **Chip** (grandson of B. Hauler); **Krystin, Rolly** (K. Heim's friends); **Danny** (The Johnsons' nephew); **Ann** (E. Jones' friend); **Lois, Holland** (J. Jurhs' friend & daughter); **Dan, Frank** (S. Kittle's friend & relative); **Judy** (C. Knickelbein's aunt); **Paul** (L. Kreider's father); **Jimmy** (M.&T. Lackey's friend); **Jerry, Dennis** (T. Lee's father, brother); **Sandra, Amy** (K. MacLeod's relatives); **Dan** (D. McCauley's brother); **Jesse** (C. McGill's son); **Rusty** (M. Marr's friend); **Bonnie, Jeff** (G. Mauldin's friends); **Robert & Melinda** (T. Mauldin's friends); **Gail** (B. J. Merchant's friend); **Bambi, Pat** (S. Mohler's parents); **Daisy** (W. Moore's mother); **Allison** (Moys' daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **Frances** (N. Oberlies' & P. Lloyd's friend); **Melvin, Joan** (B. Pawluk's uncle & aunt); **Luke, Cassie, Caleb, & Prestin** (G. Perna's friends); **Hadley, Doug** (T. Perry's friends); **John** (L. Potter's friend); **Terry** (D. Palumbo's mother), **David** (B. Rackley's son); **Theresa** (R. Ross' friend); **Eric** (C. Roy's nephew); **Janett** (L. Ryder's friend); **Nancy, Lorri** (C. Seaman's sister, sister-in-law); **Alan; Mack; Kimberly, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family);

friends); **Linda** (friend of B Smith); **Melanie** (F. Steel's friend); **Pam** (friend of B. Stilson); **Zach** (J. Stokes' friend); **Kay** (C. Sutton's mother); **Dorothy** (G. Taylor's friend); **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends); **Gina** (L. Thurber's friend); **Rachel, Will, Lily, Eli** (R. Verschoore's friends); **Erin** (friend of S. Waddle); **Bryan, Lynn, and Jennifer** (E. Wilson's friends & niece); and **Susie, Ken** (W. Wright's sister, friend).

We pray for those who have died, especially **John** (D. Palumbo's brother) and **Adorel** (K. Heim's friend).

*We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially:* **Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Logan Dodson** (Dodsons' grandson); **Kathryn & Juan Muñera** (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **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); **Luke, J. R.** (K. Strobel's friends) and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).

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# *The Week at a Glance*

## **Sunday, Oct. 15**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
- 8:45 AM Breakfast, Team Thompson
- 9:30 AM Fr. Donovan's Adult Christian Formation Class, Parish Hall
- Children's Christian Formation, Hiers Hall
- Book Study Class, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water...*, Conference Room 1
- Newcomers Class 2, Crossroads Rm
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
- 12:15 PM Fr. Donovan's Confirmation Class with lunch, Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM "Come As You Are" Holy Eucharist, Nave

## **Tuesday, Oct. 17**

- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Ranie, Conference Room 2, Hudson Hall
- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting, Conference Rm 1

## **Wednesday, Oct. 18**

- 9:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
- 11:00 AM Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
- 4:30 PM Treble Choir, Choir Room Hudson Hall
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, Hudson Hall

## **Thursday, Oct. 19**

- 4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel

## **Saturday, Oct. 21**

- 8:00 AM Habitat, Nassau Drive

**Adult Christian Formation continues!** “Remembering & Refreshing our Faith,” led by Fr. Donovan, focuses on the primary foundations of our spirituality and faith as Christians and as Episcopalians in the Anglican Communion. Come join us!

**Our 2024 Stewardship continues!** This week’s bulletin insert discusses Q&A’s on stewardship and pledging. Take a look!

**Little Free Pantry** When you are able, the Little Free Pantry asks that you pick up a few extra food items at your next visit to the grocery store and drop them off in the Little Red Wagon in Information Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The church is still seeking five delegates for the 193rd Diocesan Convention held February 8-10, 2024 in Montgomery.** Please let a member of the clergy know or email Carey McIntyre at [communications@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:communications@stthomashuntsville.org).
- **On October 22 Bishop Glenda Curry will be at both worship services** and will confirm, receive, and reaffirm thirty youth and adults at the 10:30 AM Eucharist. Join us for a special celebratory breakfast with the Bishop following the 8:00 AM Eucharist.
- **Join us on Sunday, October 29 for an All Hallows Eve Eucharist followed by dinner and Trunk or Treat.**
- **We are one month away from our 30th Lobsterfest on November 11.** If you would like to get involved, sign up now in Information Hall. We have a spot for you!
- **We are now rehearsing for Advent Lesson and Carols.** Sign up now to sing with our choir. This year’s service will be Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 PM. Email Kathy Heim at [music@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:music@stthomashuntsville.org) if you are interested in joining the choir.

