ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
September 29, 2024 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude
Be Unto Your Name **AIII 20**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession
It Is Well With My Soul **AIII 100**

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
I Love You, Lord **AIII 77**

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated
The First Reading **Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. "

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

Psalm 19:7-14
Said in unison

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading **James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Please stand

Sequence Hymn
Freely, Freely **AIII 39**

The Gospel **Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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 Sermon **The Rev. Jeannie Randall**

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 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 to the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, Glenda our Bishop, and Brian our Assisting Bishop; for Donavan, Katie, Jeannie, and Dave, our clergy, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

Silence

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 for Joe, our President, Kay, our Governor, and Tommy, our Mayor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence and thanksgiving for Earth, our planet home, as your own creation, and for the sacred web of life, of which we are a part. Incline our hearts to care for your gift of Creation and to be better stewards of it, to your honor and glory. Today we pray for the Land Trust of North Alabama. We thank you for its many ecosystems, the abundance of hiking trails, its ten Nature Preserves and the

preservation of thousands of acres of land. We offer prayers for the flora and fauna that are part of these natural landscapes and for the employees and volunteers who work to conserve the land and maintain the trails that we enjoy, for future generations.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

We pray for those celebrating birthdays today or the week ahead, especially Lela Meigs, Lee West, Elysa Jones, Zach Wheat, Nancy Norman, Drew Reid, and Ann Marie Batista.

And for our Companion Diocese of Honduras, for Bishop Allen, for Bob Harwell, our Missioner to Honduras, and for our Colonia Episcopal Students: Seylin, Saira, Wilson, Anthonay, Cesia, Josselin, Jeimy, Angel, Escarleth Y., Anthony, Cindy, Kierin, Eric, Nora, Grodven, Genesis, Andrea, Derek, Escarleth J., Roberto, Daniel, and Kensy.

Silence

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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

We pray for Nina Alspaugh, Cindy and Tom Atkins, Eric Cantrell, Norma Deston, Charlie Erwin, Sharon Griffin, George Harriman, Kathy Heim, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Ann Knowles, Pam Lloyd, Janet McAlister, Julia and Jack Mayo, Gloria Roth, Lisa Ryder, Dan Seaman, Jean Simon, Quinn Hattaway Short, Al Stokes, Zach Wheat, and Jane Williams.
Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding 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.

All stand

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
There Is A Redeemer **AIII 173**

Please stand
Presentation Hymn
Give Thanks **AIII 44**

The people remain standing
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP 367**

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

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, as we sing,

Sanctus **AIII 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,

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.

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

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
Jesus Lamb of God **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 Hymn
On Eagles' Wings **AIII 127**
Sanctuary **AIII 138**

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
In Christ Alone **AIII 93**

Dismissal

Worship Team for September 29, 2024

Celebrant	The Rev. Donavan Cain
Preacher and Deacon	The Rev. Jeannie Randall
	Joyful Noise
Pianist	Samuel Wright
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hardison
Acolytes	Abby Randall, Dean Falco, Emma Bestor, Brylie Colvin
Lector	Amanda and Travis Lee
Ushers	Kelly and Ted Evans
Greeters	Elysa Jones, Patty Moy
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist	
Eucharistic Ministers	Renee Redfield, Lisa Ryder
Lector	Vincent Moore
Greeters	John and Rebekah Callahan
Vestry on Duty	John Hanson, Mark Mohler
Flower Guild	Wyn Christian, Karen MacLeod
Altar Guild	Nancy Ward, Kay Strobel, Tut Clements
Breakfast	Mom's Group, Laura Beth Bestor
Refreshments	Kathy Branick

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OUR PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

We pray for the ill or distressed: **Dean**, **Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Kathy, James, Sylvia, Lee Anne** (S. Barnett's relative & friends); **Pam** (B. Beebe's sister); **Matt** (A. Cain's father); **Luke** (R. Callahan's brother); **Paige** (B. Cantrell's friend); **Glen Yates** (S. Carrier's friend); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Maria** (A. Clark's relative); **Mary, Mark, Jim** (D. Clark's niece, friend, family); **Martha** (K. Clayton's aunt); Barb (K. Collins' friend) **Laura, Ralph** (Conover's friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Karen** (B. Davenport, G. Dinstuhl, A. Steel's friend) **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's friends); **Cindy, Kimberly** (D. Eppling's daughter & relative); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Alfreda, Cecelia**, **Frank, Quintin** (K. Evans & S. Kittle's family); **Roger** (T. Evans friend); **Marcella, Laura** (L. Fowler's mother, friend); **Rebecca & Max** (The Geis' friends); B. Kendrick (B. Greenaway's friend); **Beth, Will, Tim, Jane, Kathy, Sergei** (G. Griffith's daughter, grandson, friends) **Libby, Elizabeth;**(M. Harris' friends); **John** (J. Harper's son)**; Patrick, Destiny** (D. Hattaway's friends); **Stark, Spencer, Andy, Buddy, Kelsey** (P. Heim's son-in-law and friends); **Randy** (M. Hill's friend); **Marcia (**D. Hutson, B. Meyer's friend) **Ann** (E. Jones' friend); **John, Lea, Quinn** (G. and E. Krast's brother, sister-in-law, friend); **Judy** (C. Knickelbein's aunt); **Paul** (L. Kreider's father); **Jimmy** (M.&T. Lackey's friend); **Jerry, Dennis** (T. Lee's father, brother); **Melissa, Susan** (T. & P. Lloyd's daughter, friend); **Frances** (P. Lloyd, N. Oberlies friend); **Sandra, Amy** (K. MacLeod's relatives); **Dan**, **Emily, Kevin** (D. McCauley's brother, niece, M. J. 's father); **Jesse** (C. McGill's son); **Rusty** (M. Marr's friend); **Jorge, Shelia, Jeff** (Mauldin's friend); **Cassie, Beth** (friends of J. Mayo); **Gail** (B. J. Merchant's friend); **Joseph** (B. Meyer's friend); **Bambi, Pat** (S. Mohler's parents); **Daisy** (W. Moore's mother); **Claude** (S. Moore's brother); **Bennie, Allison** (Moy's friend and daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **David**, **Will** (W. Patterson's nephew and friend); **Melvin** (B. Pawluk's uncle); **Hadley** (T. Perry's great niece); **John** (L. Potter's friend); **Terry** (D. Palumbo's mother), **Margaret** (Mary Lou Werner's friend); **David** (B. Rackley's son); **Roseanne** (R. Redfield's mother); **Theresa** (R. Ross' friend); **Eric** (C. Roy's nephew); **Janet** (L. Ryder's friend); **Nancy, Lorri** (C. Seaman's sister, sister-in-law); **Bill** (J. Simon's friend) **Linda** (B. Smith's friend); **Alan, Mack, Kimberly, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family; friends); **Ann, Melanie**, **Susan**(F. Steel's mother and friends); **Pam** (friend of B. Stilson); **Eric, Zach** (J. Stokes' friends); **Kay** (C. Sutton's mother); **Dorothy** (G. Taylor's friend); **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends); **Gina** (L. Thurber's friend); and **Rachel, Will, Lily, Eli** (R. Verschoore's friends).

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** (Dodson's 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); **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** (Mayo's grandson); **Julia Flores** (D. McCauley's cousin); **Ben Meyer** (B. & L. Meyer's grandson); **Jaden Smith** ; **Kaiyah Smith** (Irene Smith's son & daughter); **Daniel** (L. Thames' son); and **Caden Zabel** (J. Zabel's grandson).

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The Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 29	
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
9:00 AM	Breakfast with Mom's Club Parish Hall
9:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation with Father Donavan
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
12:00 PM	Confirmation Class, Parish Hall
3:30 PM	Season of Creation Book Study, Parlor
3:30 PM	Treble Choir practice, Choir Room Hudson Hall
5:00 PM	"Come As You Are" Holy Eucharist, Nave
Wednesday, October 2	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
7:30 PM	Adult Choir practice, Choir Room Hudson Hall
Thursday, October 3	
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer, Crossroads
Friday, October 4	
12:05 PM	Pray the Rosary, Nave

Save the Date! Make sure to read your latest EPISTLE!

Blessings of the Animals Next Sunday

The annual Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis, is next **Sunday, October 6th,** at **3:00 PM**. No matter what type of animal you have – the 4-legged kind, the swimmers, the crawlers and the hoppers – bring 'em on! Even if you don't have a pet, you are invited. It is a fun celebration of all God's creatures and one of the church's most beloved saints, St. Francis of Assisi. Don't miss it! And don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.