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. In your pew, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025 8:00 and 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling **Hymn 539**

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity **BCP 355**

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

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

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis* *said at 8:00* **BCP 356**
sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-280**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 357**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 **Isaiah 66:10-14**

Thus says the LORD: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her--that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-8 *said in unison*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

The Second Reading **Galatians 6:1-16**

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **Amen**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *10:30 only*

Beneath the cross of Jesus **Hymn 498**

The Gospel **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

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

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, `Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, `The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, `Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Children's Moment *10:30 only*

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**

The Prayers of the People – Form III *See page 7 for those prayed for today* **BCP 387**

The Confession of Sin **BCP 360**
The Peace
Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory *10:30 only*
I Believe *Bonnie Price, soloist* **Ervin Drake**

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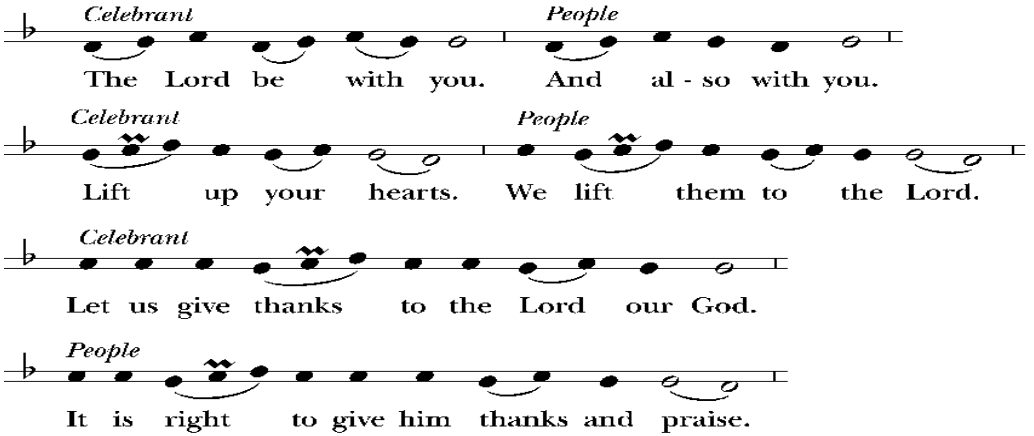
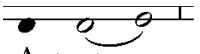
Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are an investment in our ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally, you are welcome to use the QR code here. Many who give to the ministries of St. Thomas choose to set up a recurring gift (a "pledge"). To pledge, email our office at finance@stthomashuntsville.org.

Please stand
Presentation Hymn
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow **vs. 3, Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B *said at 8:00, sung at 10:30* **BCP 367**

Celebrant prays, concluding with
…who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *said at 8:00* **BCP 367**
sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-125**

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with
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 the prayer, concluding with
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.

Celebrant and People: 

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

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

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover* *said at 8:00* **BCP 364**
sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-155**

Communion Meditation *10:30 only*
To Be God's People *Bonnie Price, soloist* **Charles F. Brown**

Communion Hymn *10:30 only*
America the Beautiful **Hymn 719**

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession
God of our fathers **Hymn 718**

Dismissal
Deacon bids the dismissal
People: **Thanks be to God!**

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
and in thanksgiving for the July 4th birthday of our nation.

Those celebrating birthdays in the week ahead: Kathie Clayton, Marjorie Harris, Jonathan Kobler, Chet Marr, Isabella Thurber, Catherine Sullivan, Susan Pearson, Pat Young, and Natalie Brock.

Keep the following people in your prayers this week: Harvey Adams, Cindy and Tom Atkins, Kristi Boyer, Eric Cantrell, Tut Clements, Charlie Erwin, Sharon Griffin, Barbara Hauler, Charlie Heim, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Ann Knowles, Pam Lloyd, Dannah McCauley, Julia and Jack Mayo, Lynn Miller, Norma Oberlies, Barbara Rackley, Dan and Carolyn Seaman, Quinn Hattaway Short, Connie Sharp, Kee Sloan, Al Stokes, Annie Wells, and Jane Williams.

This QR code is for newcomers! Welcome to St. Thomas!
Use your phone now to fill out a visitor card and be added to our mailing list!

Worship Team for July 6, 2025

Celebrant	The Rev. Donavan Cain	
Preacher	The Rev. Jeannie Randall	
Deacon	The Rev. Dave Drachlis	
Director of Music	Katherine Heim	
Organist/Pianist	Samuel Wright	
	8:00 Holy Eucharist	**10:30 Holy Eucharist**
Acolytes (10:30 only)	Emma Bestor, Aoife Cain, Archer Morrison, Abby Randall	
Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle and Bryan Dodson	Sonya Carrier, David Hattaway
Lectors	Alexander Steel	Ann Marie Batista and Kurt Dietz
Ushers	Bill Davenport, Garry Griffith	Kelly and Ted Evans
Greeters	Susan and Tom Pearson	Linda and John Hanson
	5:00 PM Holy Eucharist	
Eucharistic Ministers	Penny Nielsen, Jane Allgood	
Lector	Barbara Meyer	
	Teams also serving this week.	
Vestry on Duty	Kathie Clayton, Brett Tomlin	
Altar Guild	Nancy Ward, Kay Strobel, Darwin Ramsey	
Flower Guild	Linda Lou Hardison, Barbara Meyer	
Breakfast Team	Cursillo B	
Refreshments	Ann Marie Batista and Kurt Dietz	

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 6	**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
9:00 AM	Breakfast, Parish Hall
9:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation Parish Hall
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
Monday, July 7	
10:00 AM	Book Club, Parlor
Wednesday, July 9	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
1:00 PM	Caregivers, Crossroads Room
Thursday, July 10	
1:00 PM	Silver Saints Movie Time, Parish Hall
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer, Crossroads Room
6:30 PM	Mom's Group, Parish Hall
Friday, July 11	
12:05 PM	Rosary, Nave
Saturday, July 12	
8:00 AM	Bailey Cove Farmers' Market
9:00 AM	Scrapbooking, Parish Hall

Look in the online EPISTLE for other events and more details!

OUR PRAYERS FOR JULY 6, 2025

We pray for the ill or distressed, especially: **Ann** (J. Allgood's sister); **Sheila** (U. Allison's friend); **Pam** (B. Beebe's sister); **Luke, Sarah** (R. Callahan's brother and sister); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Charlene** (D. Clark's friend); **Martha** (K. Clayton's aunt); **David, Barb** (K. Collins' father and friend); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Keith, Myra** (K. Evans & S. Kittle's family); **Rebecca & Max** (The Geis' friends) **Will** (G. Griffith's grandson); **Dorothy** (M. Harris' daughter's mother-in-law); **Ben** (Barbie Harwell's friend);**Buddy** (P. Heim friend); **Tre'** (R. Kastanakis' cousin), **John** (G. Krasts' brother); **Melissa, Susan, Frances** (T. & P. Lloyd's daughter, friends); **Emily** (D. McCauley's niece); **Gail, Phillip** (B. J. Merchant's friends); **Leah** (J. Munroe's daughter); **Claude** (S. Moore's brother); **Allison** (Moys' daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **David**, **Will** (W. Patterson's nephew and friend); **Spencer, Jennifer, Stark, Minnette, Linda** (G. Perna's son, daughter-in-law, grandson, granddaughter, and friend); **Jack, MaryEllen** (L. Ryder's brother and sister-in-law), **Alan, Mack, Kimberly, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family; friends); **Ann,** (F. Steel's mother); and **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends).

We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially: **Ben Cathcart** (E. Cathcart's husband); **Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Logan Dodson** (Dodson's grandson); **Kathryn & Juan Muñera** (M. Erker's daughter, 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); **Jack Gentry** (J. McAlister's Great-Nephew); **Jackson Mayo** (Mayo's grandson); **Julia Flores** (D. McCauley's cousin); **Jace** (Reynolds' son) **Jaden Smith** ; **Kaiyah Smith** (I. Smith's son & daughter); and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).

We pray for those who have died, especially **Bohdan Pawluk** (B. Pawluk's brother-in-law) and **Donna McIntosh** (R. Erwin's cousin).