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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025 8:00 and 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession
Rejoice! Rejoice believers **Hymn 68**

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.
Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

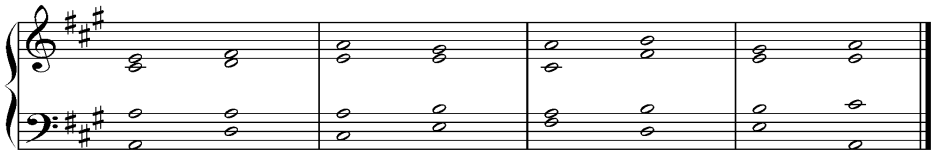
The First Reading **Genesis 15:1-6**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22 *said at 8:00; sung together at 10:30*



12 Happy is the nation whose God is the `LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his `own!
13 The LORD looks down from `heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the `world.
14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his `gaze *
on all who dwell on the `earth.
15 He fashions all the `hearts of them *
and understands all their `works.
16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty `army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great `strength.
17 The horse is a vain hope for de`liverance; *
for all its strength it cannot `save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who `fear him, *
on those who wait upon his `love,
19 To pluck their lives from `death, *
and to feed them in time of `famine.
20 Our soul waits for the `LORD; *
he is our help and our `shield.
21 Indeed, our heart re`joices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our `trust.
22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be up`on us, *
as we have put our trust in `you.

The Second Reading **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *10:30 only*

What does the Lord require **Hymn 605**

The Gospel **Luke 12:32-40**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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. Katie Kirk-Costas**

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*

Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me **Southern Folktune**

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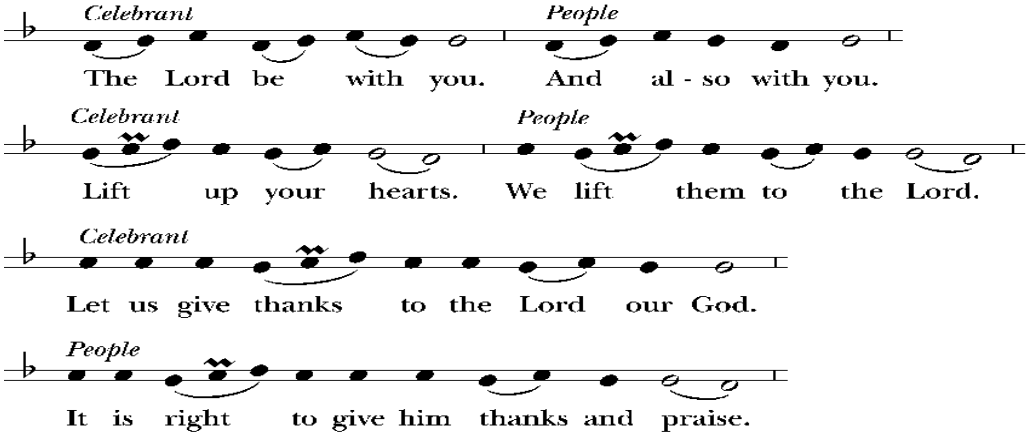
Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are an investment in our ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally, you are welcome to use the QR code here. Many who give to the ministries of St. Thomas choose to set up a recurring gift (a "pledge"). To pledge, email our office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

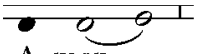
The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with

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**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When an usher comes to your pew, all are invited to approach the altar for communion or a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. For gluten-free bread, clasp your hands together.

Communion Hymns *10:30 only*

O what their joy and their glory must be **Hymn 623**

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession

The God of Abraham praise **Hymn 401**

Dismissal

Deacon bids the dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Those celebrating birthdays in the week ahead: Jon Thurber, Lizzy Erbach, Abby Randall, Benjamin Johns, Jennifer Cote, Mike Bestor, Mary Bestor, Vincent Moore, Robin Kastanakis, Katherine Dietz, Hayley Morris, and Frances Smith.

Keep the following people in your prayers this week: Harvey Adams, Cindy Atkins, Mary Bestor, Natalie Brock, Tut Clements, Charlie Erwin, Sharon Griffin, Barbara Hauler, Charlie Heim, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Mark Johnston, Ann Knowles, Pam Lloyd, Dannah McCauley, Julia and Jack Mayo, Norma Oberlies, Mona Parker, Barbara Rackley, Dan Seaman, Quinn Hattaway Short, Jean and Jack Simon, Connie Sharp, Kee Sloan, Ben Spurlock, Al Stokes, Annie Wells, and Jane Williams.

We pray for those who have died, especially Mary Ottensmeyer and Kallel Fox (Mountain Gap Middle School student).

Mark your calendars!
Next Sunday is Rally Day and The St. Thomas Ministry Fair!
There will be one *morning* service next Sunday.
Join us at 10:00 AM!

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

Worship Team for August 10, 2025

Celebrant	The Rev. Donavan Cain	
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas	
Deacon	The Rev. Jeannie Randall	
Director of Music	Katherine Heim	
Organist/Pianist	Samuel Wright	
	8:00 Holy Eucharist	**10:30 Holy Eucharist**
Acolytes (10:30 only)	Coralie and Tierney Knickelbein, Archer Morrison, Abby Randall	
Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle Dodson, Bryan Dodson	Bob Hardison, Ann Marie Batista
Lectors	Sally Barnett	Bonnie Price, Donna Clark
Ushers	Frances and Alexander Steel	Preston McGill, Richard Thompson
Greeters	Susan and Tom Pearson	Patty Moy, Diane Wick
	5:00 PM Holy Eucharist	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brenda Smith, Carolyn Seaman	
Lector	Cathy Rice	
	Teams also serving this week.	
Vestry on Duty	Penny Nielsen	
Altar Guild	Gail Perna, Jill and Doug Eskew, David Hattaway	
Flower Guild	Wyn Patterson, Laurel Davis	
Breakfast Team	David Hattaway and friends	
Refreshments	Robin Kastanakis	

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 10	**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
9:00 AM	Breakfast, Parish Hall
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
Monday, August 11	
10:00 AM	Book Club, Parlor
7:00 PM	Esau, Parish Hall
Wednesday, Aug 13	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
Thursday, August 14	
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer, Crossroads Room
6:30 PM	Mom's Group, Parish Hall
Friday, August 15	
12:10 PM	Holy Eucharist in honor of the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nave
Saturday, August 16	
8:00 AM	Bailey Cove Farmers' Market
12:00 to 3:00 PM	Ministry Fair Set-up, Parish Hall
Sunday, August 17	**Rally Day & Ministry Fair**
10:00 AM	One Morning Holy Eucharist Service
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist

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

OUR PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 10, 2025

We pray for the ill or distressed, especially: **Ann** (J. Allgood's sister); **Sheila, Peter, Marion** (U. Allison's friends); **Luke, Sarah** (R. Callahan's brother and sister); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Martha, Betsy** (K. Clayton's aunt and friend); **Barb** (K. Collins' friend); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Myra** (K. Evans & S. Kittle's family); **Rebecca & Max** (The Geis' friends) **Will** (G. Griffith's grandson); **Ben** (Barbie Harwell's friend);**Buddy** (P. Heim friend); **Tre'** (R. Kastanakis' cousin), **John** (G. Krasts' brother); **Melissa, Frances** (T. & P. Lloyd's daughter, friend); **Emily** (D. McCauley's niece); **Gail, Phillip** (B. J. Merchant's friends); **Terry** (B. Meyer's relative); **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); **Linda, Cryster, Emilia** (B. Pawluk's friends, and niece); **Spencer, Jennifer, Stark, Minnette** (G. Perna's son, daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter); **Gary** (T. Perry's brother-in-law); **Frances, Flora** (L. Potter's friends); **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); **Nathan** (B. Stokes' friend) 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 **Kallel Fox** (friend of Mario Dippolito), and **Lavada Spears Person** (Lauren Osborne's mom).