ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH + SCHOOL

Worship | Study | Friendship | Compassion
November 22, 2026—10:00AM

If you are watching online, please fill out an online Connection Card by clicking the link in the comments. If you are in person, you can find a Connection Card in the church pews.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and PieFest

Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00pm

St. Thomas invites you to an evening of worship and pie. Worship begins at 7:00pm. After worship all are welcome to the Parish Hall for a slice of pie. Please bring a pie to share.

Advent Family Night

Sunday, November 29th, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Kick off the holiday season with St. Thomas! We invite you to join us for an evening of crafts, pizza, fellowship, and family fun.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series:

Comfort, O Comfort

November 29th–December 13th

What does it mean to wait for God with longing, receive His comfort, and rejoice in the good news He brings? This Advent, through the words of Isaiah and the witness of John the Baptist, we'll journey from the cry for God to come near, to the promise of comfort for His people, and finally to the good news of hope and joy for the brokenhearted and oppressed. Join us as we hear the voice crying out in the wilderness, encounter the Shepherd who gathers His people in His arms, and discover the joy of the One who comes to make all things new.

Missed a Sunday?

Previous sermons are available on our YouTube channel.
www.youtube.com/c/tom1604.

The rosebud on the altar today is in thanksgiving for the birth of Michael Moises Cepeda, weighing 7lb. 6 oz., born November 18, 2026, to parents Keven and Jennifer Cepeda.

Wednesday Advent Dinner Series

December 2nd - December 16th
Wednesdays in the Parish Hall

6:00pm—Dinner Served
6:30pm-7:30pm—Program Series

Gather around the table this Advent for three evenings of food, fellowship, and the story of Christmas told through art, music, and imagination. From Mary's great "yes" to the Nativity and the journey of the Magi, we'll explore familiar stories in new ways, with Handel's Messiah woven throughout each evening.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Children of all ages are invited to take part in our Christmas Pageant at the 3:00pm service on Thursday, December 24th. This beloved tradition gives our children a joyful way to share the story of Jesus' birth with our church family. Cousins, grandchildren, and friends are warmly welcome to join. Scan the QR code to sign up today to participate in this wonderful Christmas celebration.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 22, 2026 • 10:00 AM

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold.**

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of
Grandparents, Charlie & Sherry Reynolds by Katherine Turner.

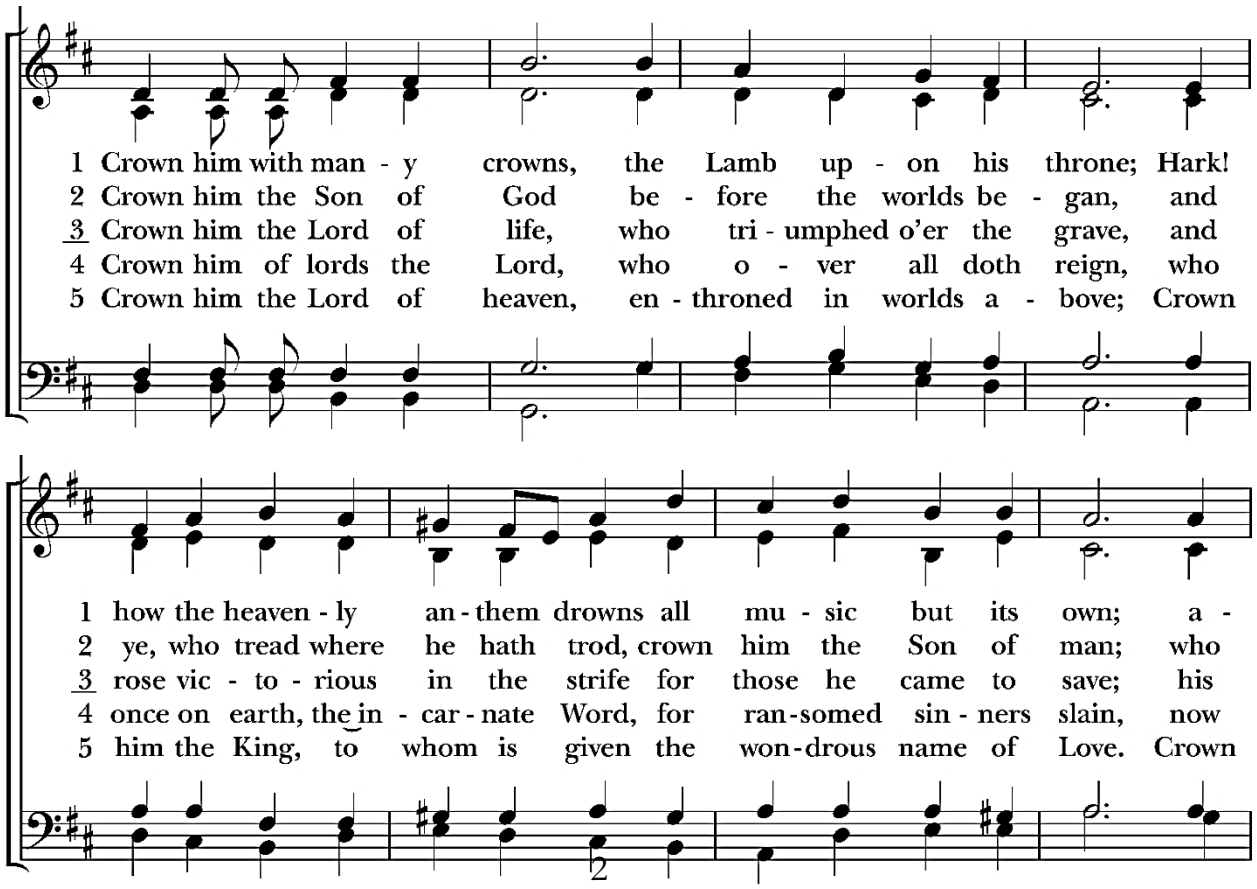
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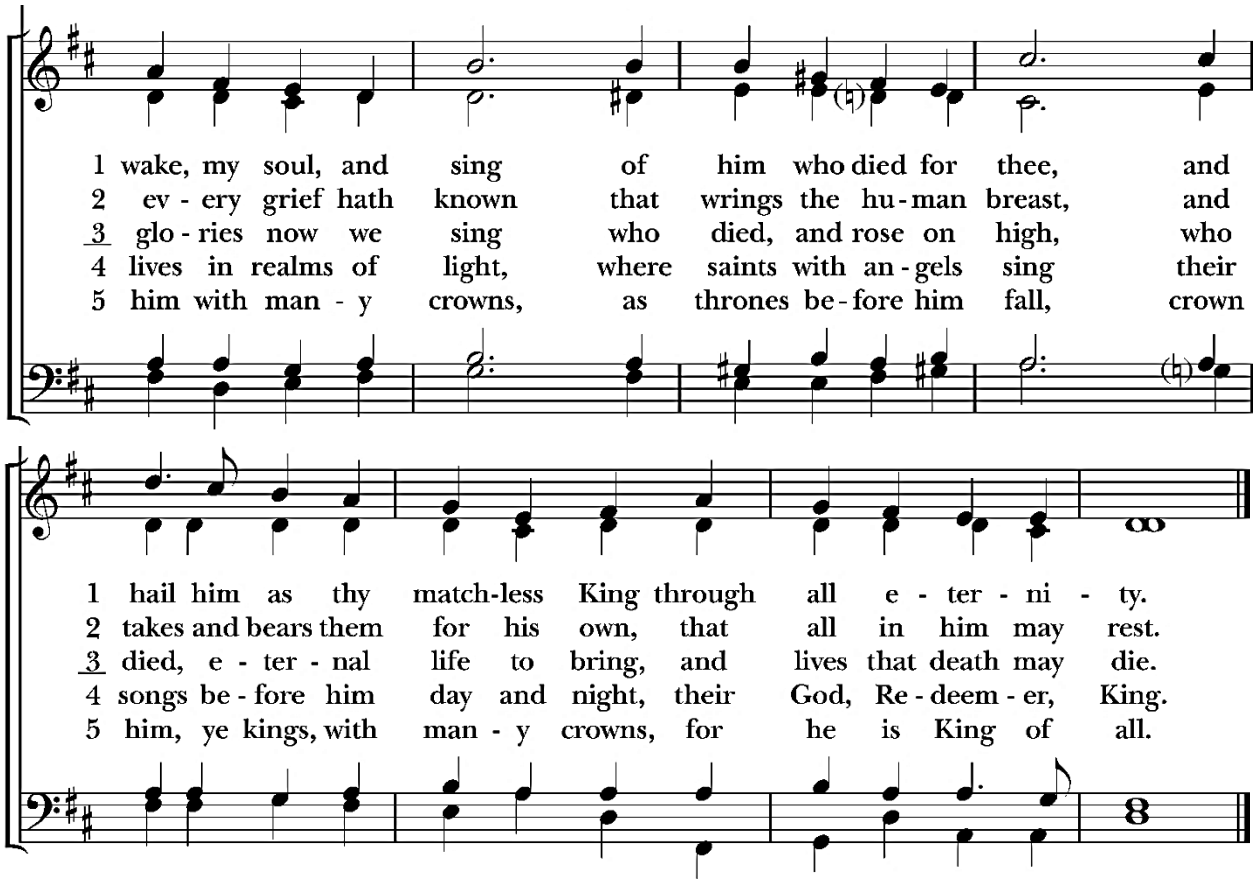
The Voluntary

The Welcome and Announcements

The Hymn • 494

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION — BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 299

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

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.**

THE GLORIA • S 280 Robert Powell

The ordinary of the mass employs texts that remain the same for every mass. In the Latin mass the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus, and the Agnus dei are the five parts of the mass that remain the same every week.



THE WORD OF GOD

The proper of the mass are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel and preface to the communion liturgy are propers. Our lessons come from a prescribed cycle of readings called the lectionary. The lectionary consists of a three year cycle: Year. Each year we retell the story from Advent through Pentecost.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

We invite your child to join our Children's Church program this morning! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to come up for the children's sermon and then follow our Children's Church Leader, to a classroom down the hallway in our education wing. After the exchange of the peace, children are ushered back to their seats.

THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

11For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 *spoken responsively by full verse* *Jubilate Deo*

The psalms are sung prayers that cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and usually it relates to the themes heard in the lesson.

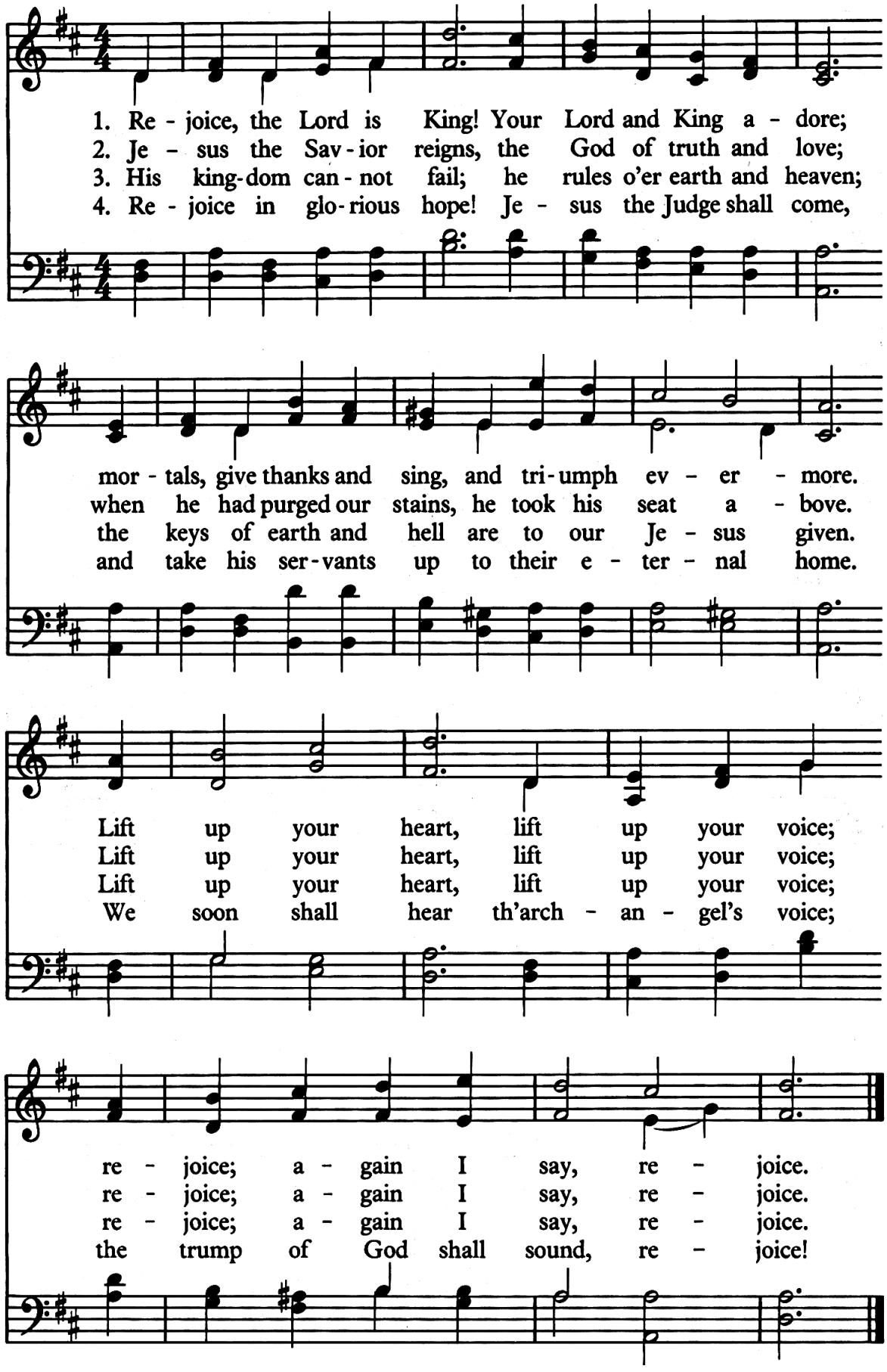
1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

This reading from the New Testament is typically from a letter (epistle) from Paul to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king-dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,
mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the summit of the Liturgy of the Word and means "good news" and specifically the good news of Jesus. We stand for the Gospel reading to show respect for the particular importance of Jesus' words and actions.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put
the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it
that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when
was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them,
"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my
family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry
and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger
and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"
45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Mike Michie

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means I believe. First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

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We *pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.*

Celebrant

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

The Leader and People pray responsively

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION BCP 360

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Leader and People

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.

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

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

THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

All are invited to make a gift to support St. Thomas' ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Halleluia Chorus from Messiah G. F. Handel

THE DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

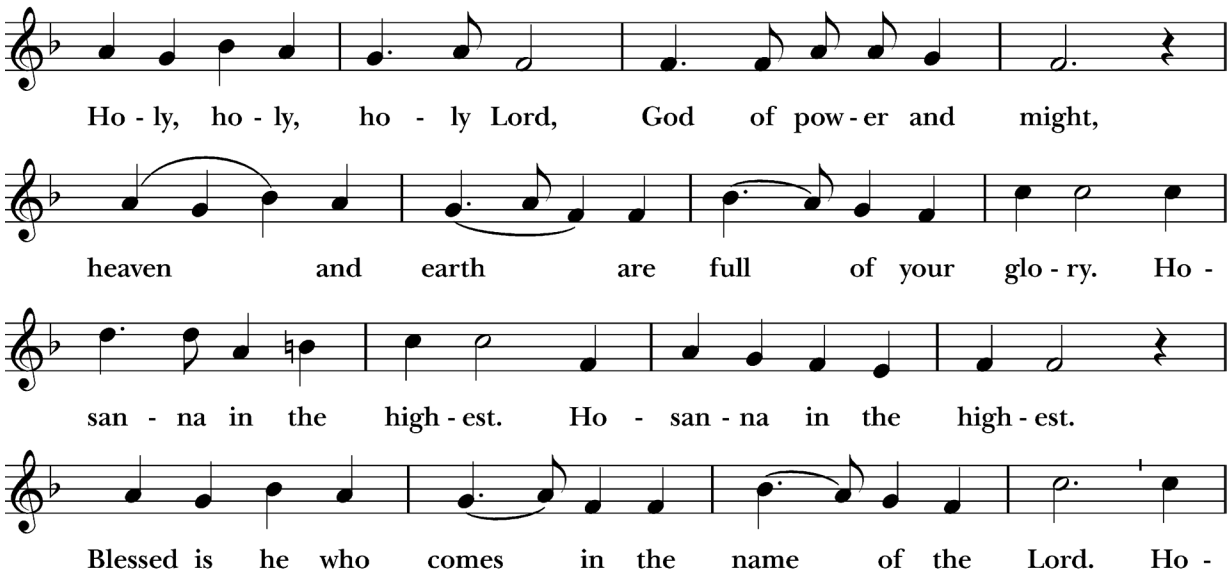
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.)* 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:

THE SANCTUS • S 125 Richard Proulx





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

The presider breaks the bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion. Gluten –free wafers are available. Inform the priest when they come to you.

For communion, you may choose to drink from the chalice or receive communion by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). If you wish to drink from the chalice, eat the wafer, and the chalice will be brought to you. If you prefer intinction, hold the wafer in your hand, and the intinction cup will be brought to you.

Individual prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel of the Cross. We encourage you to visit them after receiving communion.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

During communion, if you would like to receive anointing with oil for let the priest know at the altar rail.

THE HYMN • 307 *Bryn Calfaria*

THE HYMN • 483 *St. Magnus*

THE 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 SENDING OUT

We send you out to share the communion today.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE HYMN • 544

Duke Street



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY

St. Thomas Angel Tree

Stop by Gosnell Hall next Sunday, November 29th, to pick up an Angel from the Angel Tree. A sign-up sheet will be available next to the tree. Each Angel includes a child's name, age, and gift request. Please return all gifts wrapped and labeled with the recipient's name by Sunday, December 13th. Gifts will be shared with children from Harmony Hills Elementary and Santa Fe Episcopal Church. Thank you for helping spread holiday cheer.

Holiday Closures & Schedule Changes

Upcoming Thanksgiving week schedule:

- Church Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th.
- No Wednesday Noon Eucharist on November 25th.
- Grief Support Group will not meet on November 25th.
- Fr. Mike's Thursday Bible Study is canceled for November 26th.
- School will be closed Monday through Friday of Thanksgiving week.

We hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday!

Hope & Healing Service

Thursday, December 17th, 7:00pm

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or finding the Christmas season difficult, we invite you to join us for a special time of healing, comfort, and remembrance. Together, we will reflect on those we hold dear and find encouragement and hope during this season.

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24th

1:00pm
Holy Eucharist Rite I

3:00pm
Holy Eucharist Rite II and
Children's Christmas Pageant

7:00pm
Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II
Prelude beings at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Music & Flower Donations

Donations may be made in the form of memorials, honoraria, or thanksgivings. The names of the donors and honorees will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Donations for flowers are $20.00, and offerings for music may be given in any amount. Donations due December 15th. You can donate in person (envelopes located in Gosnell Hall) or online by scanning the QR code.

St. Thomas Ofrenda

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Ofrenda. Your photos helped make the display truly special. All pictures are now ready for pickup in Gosnell Hall. Please stop by to collect yours.

Discipleship Hour-Sundays at 9:00am

The Voice in the Wilderness: John the Baptist
November 29th–December 20th
in the Parish Hall led by Fr. Mike

Who was John the Baptist, and why does his story matter beyond preparing the way for Jesus? From his prophetic calling and ministry at the Jordan to his imprisonment, doubt, and death, we'll discover how John's life and witness continually point us to Christ.

Children's Sunday School
Ages 3 - 5th grade, in Room 112

Each Sunday, children will journey through the Old Testament. Using Bible stories, prayer, activities, and conversation, kids will grow in faith, experience God's love, and learn what it means to follow Jesus.

Discipleship for Moms
in Room 111 led by Paige Martin

This fall we're walking through *Abide* by Jen Wilkin, a study of John's letters and the call to remain in Christ's love. As we gather around Scripture, prayer, and conversation, we'll encourage one another and make room to listen for God's presence during everyday life.

Youth Group Series:
Gratitude and Advent Expectation
November 22nd–December 20th
6th - 12th grade, in Room 109

What if we made space to notice the good, even while we're still waiting for what's next? As we journey toward Christmas, we'll explore gratitude, hope, peace, and joy, learning to recognize God's presence in both ordinary moments and the anticipation of Christ's coming.

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