

## **“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”**

**“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”**

**Psalm 100:4**

Grace and Peace to you from God on this **The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost and Our Annual Back to School / Education Sunday**. We welcome our guest speaker, **Dr. Tony B. Watlington, Sr., Ed.D**, new Superintendent of The School District of Philadelphia. We will also have a Memorial to those who died on 9/11/2001.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of God, welcome to the historic **African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**, founded in 1792 as the first black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived..

Faithfully,

*Martini Shaw*<sup>+</sup>  
(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw,  
17<sup>th</sup> Rector and  
Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Back to School / Education Sunday and Memorial to 9/11/2001**

**September 11, 2022  
10:00 am**

**Celebrant: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw**

**Assisting: The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins**

**Guest speaker: Dr. Tony B. Watlington, Sr., Ed.D**

**Music Ministry: St. Thomas Gospel Choir**

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Organ Prelude**

St. Thomas Music Ministry

**The Opening Hymn "No Not One"**

LEVAS # 90

1) There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

None else could heal all our soul's diseases, No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one.

2) No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one! No, not one!

And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

3) There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one! No, not one!

No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

4) Did ever saint find this Friend forsake Him? No, not one! No, not one!

Or sinner find that He would not take him? No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

5) Was e'er a gift like the savior given? No, not one! No, not one!

Will he refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! No, not one.

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done'

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

**A Word of Welcome**

The Rector

**The Opening Salutation**

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

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Celebrant:** 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 in excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

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

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14**

Dorothy Roberts

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 51:1-11**

Eugene Golson and Sharahn Santana

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, \*

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

**The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Triniti Miller

**A Reading from the First Book of Timothy .**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn - "O How I Love Jesus"**

LEVAS# 95 (Vss. 1-2)

1) There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like  
music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth.

**Chorus:** O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me.

2) It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; It tells me of His

precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**The Gradual Hymn - "O How I Love Jesus"**

LEVAS # 95 (Vss. 3-4)

3) It tells me what my Father hath In store for every day, and though  
I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way.

**Chorus:** O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me.

4) It tells of one whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe, who in  
each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.

**The Message**

Dr. Tony B. Watlington, Sr., Ed.D

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Erica Hill-Yates and Anwar Alcide

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

For the souls of the departed during 9/11 attack and days following for first responders, survivors and their families. May we never forget. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

For all in educational leadership; for all schools and Districts, colleges and universities that they may be engaging and lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, the pursuit of wisdom and the development of full human potential. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who teach that they may instill a love for learning and that they may have calm strength and patient wisdom to educate children, teaching them to love whatever is just and true and good.

For all students, that they may have a thirst and appetite for learning. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## **The Concluding Collect**

The Celebrant

### **The Confession**

BCP 360

**Celebrant:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence is kept)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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 Absolution**

The Celebrant

**Celebrant:** 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.

**The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Hymn of Remembrance for those who died on 9/11/2001**

Battle hymn of the Republic LEVAS #226

1) Mine Eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. He hath loosed the faithful lightning of his terrible, swift sword; his truth is marching on. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain:** Glory, glory hallelujah. Glory, glory hallelujah. Glory, glory hallelujah.  
His truth is marching on.

2) I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hun-dred cir-cling camps; The have build-ed Him an al-tar in the eve-ning dews and damps; I can read the right-eous sen-tence by the dim and flar-ing lamps His day is march-ing on. **[Refrain]**

3) He has sound-ed forth the trum-pet that shall nev-er call re-treat; He is sift-ing out all hu-man hearts be-fore His judg-ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an-swer Him; be ju-bi-lant my feet! Our God is marching on. **[Refrain]**

4) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; as He died to make us holy let us die to make all free, while God is marching on. **[Refrain]**

**A Special Prayer for those who died 9/11/2001****The Holy Eucharist****Offertory Sentence and Offering****Offertory Musical Selection**

St. Thomas Gospel Choir

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**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.

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:

### **Celebrant and People**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Celebrant**

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.**

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**

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

### **People and Celebrant**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**Celebrant:** Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

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**People: Have mercy upon us.**

**Celebrant:** Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

**People: Grant us thy peace.**

### **Let us pray:**

**Celebrant and People:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN

**The Celebrant:** 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 Communion**

(All baptized persons are invited to receive communion. If you have not been baptized, please still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms on your chest.)

### **Post- Communion Prayer**

#### **Celebrant and People**

**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 Announcements**

**Remarks from Deidre R. Farmbry, Ed.D and Monica Taylor, Ed.D**

**Blessing of Educators / Students / Back Packs and Book Bags**

### **Recognition of Guests and Visitors**

**The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel**

### **The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn- "This Little Light of Mine"**

LEVAS # 160

1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2) Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3) Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**The Dismissal**

**The Postlude**

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