



### **“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 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost and the Observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.**

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 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
October 9, 2022**

**10:00 am**

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

**Seminarians in Residence:** Kathryn Brossa & David King

**Music Ministry:** St. Thomas Music Ensemble

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Organ Prelude**

St. Thomas Music Ministry

**The Opening Hymn - "We'll Understand It Better By and By"**

LEVAS #207

1) We are often tossed and driv'n  
on the restless sea of time,  
somber skies and howling tempest  
oft succeed a bright sunshine;  
in that land of perfect day,  
when the mists have rolled away,  
we will understand it better by and by.  
[Refrain]

2) We are often destitute  
of the things that life demands,  
want of food and want of shelter,  
thirsty hills and barren lands;  
we are trusting in the Lord,  
and according to the Word,  
we will understand it better by and by.  
[Refrain]

**Refrain:**

By and by, when the morning comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered home,  
we'll tell the story,  
how we've overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and by.

3) Trials dark on ev'ry hand  
and we cannot understand  
all they ways that God would lead us  
to that blessed promised land;  
but He guides is with his eye  
and we'll follow till we die  
For we'll understand it better by and by  
[Refrain]

4) Temptations, hidden snares,  
often take us unawares,  
and our hearts are made to bleed for  
any thoughtless word or deed;  
and we wonder why the test  
when we try to do our best,  
but we'll understand it better by and by.  
[Refrain]

**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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

Cynthia Muse

#### **A Reading from the Second Book of Kings**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 111**

Conchetta Brewer

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
**in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
**and his righteousness endures for ever.**

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
**the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
**he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
**all his commandments are sure.**

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
**holy and awesome is his Name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;**  
**his praise endures for ever.**

## **The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Tyrone Keller

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Timothy .**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the

word of truth.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn - "I Surrender All"**

LEVAS #133 (Vss. 1-2)

1) All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

2) All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Wordly pleasures, all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus take me now. [**Refrain**]

**Refrain:**

I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

The Rector

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

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

**The Gradual Hymn - "I Surrender All"**

LEVAS #133 (Vss. 3-4)

3) All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine. [**Refrain**]

4) All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me. [**Refrain**]

**The Homily**

The Rector

**The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**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**

Seminarian Kathryn Brossa

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

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.**

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, especially St. Francis of Assisi;  
**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.

### **The Holy Eucharist**

#### **Offertory Sentence and Offering**

#### **Offertory Musical Selection**

St. Thomas Music Ministry

#### **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.

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

**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**

**Recognition of Guests and Visitors**

**Special Prayer/Blessing in Memory of St. Francis of Assisi**

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

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn- “ Do Lord, Remember Me”**

LEVAS #164

1) Do Lord, do Lord, Do remember me.  
Do Lord, do Lord, Do remember me,  
Do Lord, do Lord, Do remember me,  
O do Lord, remember me.

2) When I'm in trouble, Do remember me.  
When I'm in trouble, Do remember me,  
When I'm in trouble, Do remember me,  
O do Lord, remember me.

3) When I'm dyin', Do remember me,  
When I'm dyin', Do remember me,  
When I'm dyin', Do remember me,  
O do Lord, remember me.

4) When this world's on fire, Do remember me.  
When this world's on fire, Do remember me,  
When this world's on fire, Do remember me,  
O do Lord, remember me.

**The Dismissal**

**The Postlude**

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