

“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 Last Sunday After Pentecost / Christ the King and Chosen 300 Sunday**. We welcome, our Homilist, **the Rev. Brian Jenkins**, Founder and C.E.O. of Chosen 300.

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⁺

(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and
Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

**The Last Sunday After Pentecost / Christ the King
Chosen 300 Sunday
November 20, 2022**

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw

Homilist: The Rev. Brian Jenkins, Chosen 300

Assisting: The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins

Seminarians in Residence: Kathryn Brossa & David King

Music Ministry: St. Thomas Chancel Choir

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Prelude

St. Music Ministry

The Opening Hymn - "Lift High the Cross"

The 1982 Hymnal #473

Refrain: Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world
adore his sacred Name.

1) Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. **Refrain**

2) Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. **Refrain**

4) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. **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.

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.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Conchetta Brewer, Chosen 300

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 46

Bobby Tillman, Chosen 300

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Cynthia Muse, Chosen 300

A Reading from the Second Book of Thessalonians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn - "Where He Leads Me"

LEVAS # 144 (Vss. 1-2)

1) I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear
my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow me." **Chorus**

Chorus: Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow. I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

2) I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him through the
garden. I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **Chorus**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He

replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gradual Hymn - "Where He Leads Me"

LEVAS# 144 (Vss. 3-4)

3) I'll go with Him through the judgement, I'll go with Him through the judgement,
I'll go with Him through the judgement. I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **Chorus**

Chorus: Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow. I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

4) He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory. I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way. **Chorus**

The Homily

The Rev. Brian Jenkins- Chosen 300

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

David King, Seminarian

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 the ministry of Chosen 300 and its founder and leader, the Rev. Brian Jenkins.
Lord, we thank you.

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.

Lord Jesus, you comforted Martha and Mary at the death of their brother, Lazarus, and you wept over the death of your friend. Weep with the families and friends of **Lavel Davis, Jr., Devin Chandler,** and **D'Sean Perry** and comfort them with the hope of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you promised to prepare a place for all of us in the Father's house. Remember your promise of mercy, grace, and love and receive the souls of your children, **Lavel, Devin,** and **D'Sean** into the bountiful goodness of their eternal home with you and all the departed. **May the souls of Lavel, Devin, and D'Sean rest in your peace and rise in your glory.**

Lord Jesus, Great Physician of our souls and bodies, be with those wounded in the shooting at the **University of Virginia.** Guide their caretakers, heal their bodies, and calm their troubled souls. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, violence and loss affect us all, but to those who stand closest hurt most. Speak to your daughter, **Ryan Lynch,** as you spoke to your Blessed Mother and Beloved Disciple from the cross, building and strengthening the bonds of family and faith in her home and in this church to support her, comfort her, and sustain her through your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you prayed even for those who nailed you to the cross. Grant us hearts of flesh like yours and teach us to pray for those for whom it is hard to pray. Lord, hear our prayers for **Christopher Darnell Jones, Jr.**

Lord Jesus, you mourned the murder of John the Baptist at the hands of Herod. Guide those seeking justice for University of Idaho students: **Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle, Madison Mogen,** and **Kaylee Gonclaves,**; comfort their families and friends; and turn the hearts of their murderers to repentance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, you decreed that you will gather all people to yourself through your Son, Jesus Christ. Gather to your eternal rest the souls of **Ethan, Xana, Madison,** and **Kaylee.**
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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.

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

The Concluding Collect
The Confession

The Celebrant
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 Chancel 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

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

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 pray,

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

Remarks / Chosen 300

Judy Simkins Booth

Recognition of Guests and Visitors

The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel

The Final Blessing

The Closing Hymn- “Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

LEVAS # 130

1) Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Since I laid my burdens down.

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Since I laid my burdens down!

2) I feel better, so much better

Since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better

Since I laid my burdens down!

3) Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah!

Since I laid my burdens down.

Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah!

Since I laid my burdens down!

4)I am climbing Jacobs ladder,

Since I laid my burdens down.

I am climbing Jacobs ladder

Since I laid my burdens down!

The Dismissal

The Postlude

St. Thomas Music Ministry