

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating the Life of Octavius V. Catto
October 12, 2025**

The Celebrant: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw

Assisting: The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Morgan Cephas

Vergers: Karen Ragland and Eugene Golson

Music Ministry: St. Thomas Gospel Choir

Posting of the Colors: St. Thomas Scout Troop #133

Order of Service

The Prelude

St. Thomas Music Ministry

The Opening Hymn- “Down By the Riverside”

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) # 210

1) Goin’ to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Goin’ to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
To study war no more.
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more.

2) Goin’ to lay down my war shoes,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Goin’ to lay down my war shoes,
Down by the riverside,
To study war no more.
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more.

3) Goin’ to put on my long white robe.
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Goin’ to put on my long white robe.
Down by the riverside
To study war no more.
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more.

4) Goin’ to meet my loving savior,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,

Down by the riverside;
Goin' to meet my loving savior,
Down by the riverside,
To study war no more.
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more,
Ain't gonna study war no more.

A Word of Welcome

The Celebrant

The Opening Salutation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

The 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

The Celebrant and The People

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

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also, with you.

The 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.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Lynn Harris, Catto Ministry

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-11

Dolores Redmond, Catto Ministry

Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Stacey McCoy Ndiaye, Catto Ministry

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.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn- "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

LEVAS #226 (vv. 1-2)

**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. [Chorus]**

**[Chorus] 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 hundred circling camps;
The have builded Him an al-tar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on. [Chorus]**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Fr. Evans

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

The People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

The People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Hymn- "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

LEVAS # 226 (vv. 3-4)

**3) He has sound-ed forth the trumpet that shall never call re-treat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men be-fore His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him!
Be jubilant my feet! Our God is marching on. [Chorus]**

**[Chorus] Glory, glory hallelujah.
Glory, glory hallelujah.
Glory, glory hallelujah.
His truth is marching on.**

**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 live to make all free,
While God is marching on. [Chorus]**

**The Message
The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**The Honorable Morgan Cephas
The Celebrant**

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

Eugene Phillips, Catto Ministry

**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; especially Blessed Thomas, Blessed Absalom and Blessed Catto.
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

The 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)

The Celebrant and The People:

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

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

The People: And also, with you.

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory Sentence

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The Offertory Selection

St. Thomas Gospel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also, with you.

The Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

The People: We lift them to the Lord.

The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The People: It is right to give God 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. *(Celebrant adds a short Proper Preface)*

Therefore, we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The Celebrant and the 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:

The Memorial Acclamation (Sung)

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

The Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed.

The People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei

The Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

The People: Have mercy upon us.

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The Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

The People: Grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray: 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 Distribution of Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant and the 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.

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Celebrant: In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

The People: We who are many are one body, and we all share one bread and one cup.

The Announcements

A Message from the Catto Ministry

A Presentation from the St. Thomas Historical Society

A Message from the Mayor

The Recognition of Visitors and Guests

The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

Wendella Fox, Esq., and Elaine Gillison

Arthur Sudler

The Honorable Cherelle Parker, City of Philadelphia

The Final Blessing

The Celebrant

The Closing Hymn- "Oh Freedom"

LEVAS # 225

**1) Oh, freedom! Oh, freedom,
oh, freedom over me!**

**An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**2) No mo' moanin', no mo' moanin',
no mo' moanin' over me!**

**An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**3) No mo' weepin', no mo' weepin'
no, mo' weepin' over me!**

**An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**4) There'll be singin', there'll be singin',
there'll be singin' over me!**

**An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**5) There'll be shoutin', there'll be shoutin',
there'll be shoutin' over me!
An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**6) There'll be prayin', there'll be prayin',
there'll be prayin' over me!
An' be fo' I'd be a slave
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord and be free.**

**The Dismissal
The Postlude**

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