

**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Annual Judicial Sunday
November 16, 2025**

The Celebrant: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw

Homilist: The Honorable Kai N. Scott, United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Assisting: The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans

Vergers: Karen Ragland and Eugene Golson

Music Ministry: St. Thomas Chancel Choir

Guest Musicians: The Honorable Lori Dumas, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania,
The Honorable George W. Overton (Ret.), Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,
The Honorable Virgil B. Walker, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

Order of Service

The Prelude The Honorable George W. Overton (Ret.), Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,
and The Honorable Virgil B. Walker, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

The Opening Hymn- “God of Grace and God of Glory” **1982 Hymnal #594**

**1) God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise;
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**3) Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4) Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

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) pg. 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

The First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Honorable Harvey Bartle, III, Senior United States
District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Jennifer Bell, J.D.

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Karen J. Vaughn, J.D.

A Reading from the Second Book of Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn- "Stand By Me"

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) #200 (vv. 1-3)

**1) When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea;
Thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me, stand by me.**

**2) In the midst of tribulations,
Stand by me, stand by me;
In the midst of tribulations,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When the hosts of hell assail,
And my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle,
Stand by me, stand by me.**

**3) In the midst of faults and failures,
Stand by me, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When I do the best I can,
And my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me,
Stand by me, stand by me.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

The People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

The People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Hymn- "Stand By Me"

LEVAS #200 (vv. 4-5)

**4) In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me, stand by me;
In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When my foes in battle array
Under take to stop my way,
Thou who saved Paul and Silas,
Stand by me, stand by me.**

**5) When I'm growing old and feeble,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When I'm growing old and feeble,
Stand by me, stand by me;
When my life becomes a burden,
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou "Lilly of the Valley."
Stand by me, stand by me.**

The Message

The Honorable Kai N. Scott, United States District Court for
the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

The Call to Christian Discipleship

The Celebrant

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, 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 on 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

Barbara D. Savage, J.D., Ph.. D.

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

**Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humble 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;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Concluding Collect and Prayer for the Courts of Justice

The Celebrant

The Confession

BCP pg. 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:

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

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

The Celebrant

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Music provided by guest musicians:

The Honorable Lori Dumas, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania,
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The Offertory Selection

St. Thomas Chancel 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 (Sung)

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 (Sung)

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 (Sung)

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

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

The Remarks

Joe Tucker, Esq., Thomas Fitzpatrick, Esq., and Albert Dandridge, III., Esq.

A Special Blessing of the Judiciary

The Recognition of Visitors and Guests

The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel

The Final Blessing

The Celebrant

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 dying, Do remember me,
When I'm dying, Do remember me,
When I'm dying, 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

St. Thomas Music Ministry

Please join the members of the Judiciary and others in Anderson Hall immediately after service today for a reception sponsored by Mincey Fitzpatrick Ross, LLC, Tucker Law Group, LLC, and Ballard Spahr, LLP.