St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS'. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY, AFFIRMING OUR SHARED FAITH IN CHRIST, AND WORSHIPING IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION. IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. THOMAS', BE AT PEACE HERE, FIND GOD AT WORK, AND KNOW THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PRAY WITH YOU TODAY.

HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

November 22, 2026 • The Last Sunday after Pentecost • 8:00 & 10:00 AM (Proper 29)

Christ the King

Abbreviations found in this bulletin refer to: **BCP**—Book of Common Prayer (red book), **HYMN**—The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), **WLP**—Wonder, Love & Praise (green book), and **LEVAS**—Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black book) **** indicates 10 am only***

THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY "Prelude on *King's Lynn*" Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

***HYMN 460** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" *Hyfrydol*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY **BCP 355**

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 **BCP 356 / *S-280**

COLLECT OF THE DAY **BCP 236**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my

EXPLANATORY NOTES & RUBRICS

Please stand as you are able.

The Collect for Purity is a prayer of preparation as we enter worship.

The "S" numbers are found in the beginning of the Hymnal 1982.

The Collect of the Day is a traditional prayer, following a particular formula, that is part of the Propers for the day (assigned set of texts, including the readings).

Please be seated.

In the Episcopal Church, we read a full complement of lessons from Scripture each Sunday. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary used by many denominations. The Old Testament Lesson and the Gospel are usually chosen to complement each other.

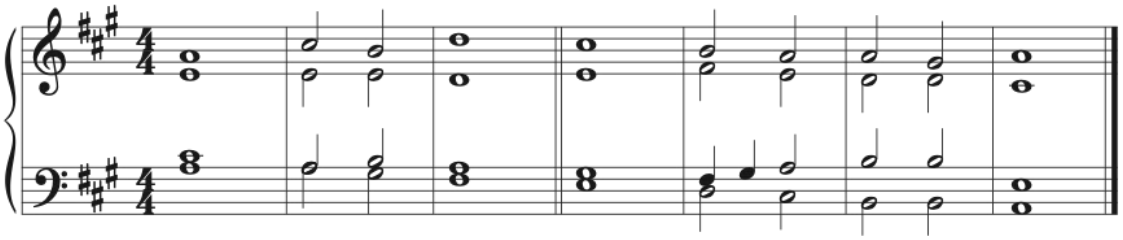
servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm highlights a theme in one or both of those lessons.

At 8 AM, we recite the Psalm together. At 10 AM, the choir will chant the psalm. The congregation is welcome to join if they wish.

PSALM 100 *Jubilate Deo* John Goss (1800-1880)



O BE joyful in the | LORD · all ye | lands: *
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; *(*)*
it is he that hath made us and | not we · our-|selves; *
we are his | people · and the | sheep of · his | pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and | into his · courts with | praise; *
be thankful unto | him · and speak | good of · his | Name.

4 For the LORD is gracious *(*)* his | mercy is · ever-|lasting; *
and his truth endureth from gener-|ati·on to | gener-|ation.

In general, we stand to praise God, we sit to listen and be instructed, and we kneel to pray. At times, the directions in the Book of Common prayer give options, listing the Prayer Book's preference first.

SECOND LESSON — Ephesians 1: 15-23

The New Testament lesson is read in a semi-contiguous pattern and does not normally interact thematically with the other lessons.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 478 — "Jesus, our mighty Lord" — *Monk's Gate*

GOSPEL — Matthew 25: 31-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel is the most important reading of all the lessons, and is accompanied by more ceremony. It, like all the lessons, is proper to the day.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Martha E. Goodwill

Please be seated when the preacher so indicates.

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed is the official and ecumenical (meaning agreed upon by most of the churches) statement of the faith and of the Universal Church, accepted by the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople in the fourth century AD. Many people choose to bow their heads in reverence at the portion of the creed that mentions the incarnation.

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.

Prayers of the People

Please continue standing, or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

At St. Thomas', we take our prayers from a book called Intercessions for the Christian People *that ties the themes and language of the prayers to the readings for that day, or from* Times and Seasons, *which is an authorized book of prayers from the Church of England. What these prayers do well is challenge us to pray for people, events, and things that we might not always think about. You are encouraged to add your own prayers to the petitions printed either silently or aloud.*

Through baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to be a royal priesthood, and made citizens in a holy nation. As faithful priests serving the King of kings, let us intercede for all the world, saying: In the name of Jesus our King: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, sovereign majesty, as your humble priests we pray for all you children who do not confess you as Lord. Enable us to live the good news convincingly, that all may inherit life eternal in the kingdom of heaven, in the name of Jesus our King: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, ruler of all nations, cause the leaders of nations to recognize your sovereignty and to accept your gracious rule. Make them proponents of peace and lovers of justice. Crown each ruler with compassion, that all peoples may live in peace, in the name of Jesus or King: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, merciful monarch, look with pity on all who suffer: those with incurable disease, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, the hungry, those without shelter, those who live without hope. We especially lift up those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts, _____. Direct us toward them, that their royalty may be reclaimed and their lives celebrate your grace, in the name of Jesus our King: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Lord of the church, we pray for your holy catholic church on earth. Gather all who bear the name of Christ into one vigorous, fruitful community of faith, that the world may see one King of glory and one kingdom of grace, in the name of Jesus our King: **hear our prayer**.

Almighty Creator, we pray that we would be made good stewards of all your gift, giving back to you from our first fruit having recognized that all that we have comes from you, we lift up those outreach ministries that demonstrate our good stewardship to the world, especially Benison Farm, that it may witness to your glorious kingdom, in the name of Jesus our King: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we remember all you have died and we pray for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts, ____. Enfold them into your mercy and grace that on the last day they may claim their crown in heaven, in the name of Jesus our King: **hear our pray.**

Almighty God, benevolent judge, we pray for all your people gathered here to see your grace. By your mercy, prepare us for the day of judgement, that we may accept it as a rich and royal gift for the eternal pleasure of the faithful, in the name of Jesus our King, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements (*See upcoming events on page 8*)

*Offertory Anthem "Let all the world in every corner sing" Don McAfee (b. 1935)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,no door can keep them out;
But above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

-George Herbert (1593-1633)

All kneel as you are able.
Another way we respond to the proclamation of God's word and pray for ourselves is with the Confession. Confession prior to receiving the Holy Communion is not only good practice, but a biblical requirement: we are taught that we must examine our consciences before receiving Communion with the goal of true amendment of life. See the Exhortation on BCP p. 316 for further instruction.

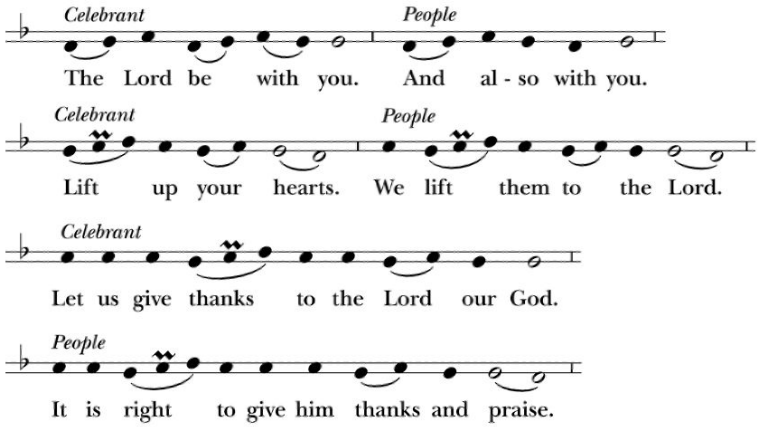
The Celebrant alone stands and pronounces the Absolution.

All Stand for the Peace.
Exchange, with your Christian brothers and sisters the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, the peace that Jesus himself left to us. This is not just "good morning," and if we demote it to that, we do ourselves a disservice.
Please be seated.

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A — BCP 361



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing,... 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS — BCP 362 / *S-125

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.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

... 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER — BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD — BCP 364

THE FRACTION ANTHEM — "Agnus Dei" — *S-161

An intentional period of silence is kept as the priest breaks the bread. An appropriate devotion is to say quietly or silently the confession of St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. If you do not wish to receive wine from the chalice for any reason, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion in one kind is as communion in both.

During communion, there are healing prayer ministers stationed by the baptismal font who will confidentially listen, love and pray for those who need healing prayer, or to offer intercessory prayer for others.

*COMMUNION ANTHEM "The sacrament divine" W. Lawrence Curry (1906-1966)

What rite is this? What holy festival?
With food and wine before the people spread?
Attend, and hear the invitation read:
"All people that do earnestly repent, come and be a guest."
A guest of Christ and his the gracious call!
A guest of Christ at this his holy board, to celebrate with him the sacrament divine.
Come and be a guest! No richer honor does our church afford.
We come with gladness in our hearts, O Lord!
-Miriam Drury

Please stand.

***HYMN 435** "At the name of Jesus" *King's Weston*

During the final verse of the hymn, the clergy and altar party will form the closing procession.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the Deacon pronounces the dismissal.

***HYMN 555** "Lead on, O King eternal" *Lancashire*

The service is now concluded. The Acolytes will lead the Choir and the Altar Party out of the Nave. Once they have left, the Congregation may depart, though we strongly encourage you to remain for the entirety of the closing Voluntary, for which you may be seated.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCESSION

VOLUNTARY "Toccata on *Llanfair*" Simon Lole (b. 1957)

*Thanks to those who are serving today (*denotes 8am):*

Audio Visual: Graham Stineman.
Greeters: Laura Reitan, Valerie Hendry.
Healing: Bill and Joan Barns.
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Liz Stiles, Russ Martin.
Lectors: *Michael Labbee, Mary Melstrom, Bill Thomas.
Oblation Bearers: Joe and Jen Kennedy.
Prayers of the People: *Michael Labbee, Joan Barns.
Usher: Tom Shevlin.

Altar Guild: Laura Labbee, Nancy Day.
Coffee Hosts: Vickie Ryan, Heather Boggini.
Counter: Trish Thomas.
Flower Guild:. Caron Burgess, Laura Vrooman.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ongoing: Geoff B., Carol W., Larry S., Laura V., Rene C., Marty G., Sue M., Jim R., Carrie J., Helen D., Carole C. , Aida M., Carrie C., Pat M., Diane O., Tracy S., Pete R., Charles R., Jeanine R., Oliver Q., Michelle Q., Luis Q., Tricia S., Marcella R., Haiwen C., Brook F., Ricardo R., Gerry G., Barb C., Jim C., Lore A., Terry H., Robin G., Leah P., Alex H., Doug C.
Upcoming Weddings: Vinny N. and Bryce F. | **Upcoming Baptisms:** Ashlyn B., Oliver Z.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS' THIS WEEK

11/22 - Christian Education, 9:10 am | **11/23** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Flower Guild, Advent Wreath, 9:00 am; Staff Meeting, 9:30 am: Keeping St. Thomas' Healthy, 6:00 pm | **11/24** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; MA Meeting, 5:00 pm; STAR, 5:00 pm | **11/25** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Funeral: J. Thomas Williams, Jr., 10:00 am; STAR, 5:00 pm | **11/26 - Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed.** Zoom Happy Hour, 6:00 pm | **11/27 - Office Closed.** | **11/28** - STAR, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf,
VI Episcopal Bishop of Southwest Florida

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The Very Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*
The Rev. David B. L. Gould, *Assistant*
The Rev. Martha E. Goodwill, *Deacon*
Jordan R. Markham, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Diego Castro, *Organ Scholar & Chorister*
Russ Martin, *Parish Administrator*
Jon Ward, *Sexton*
Haleigh McGrath, *Nursery Attendant* · Tristen Patterson, *Nursery Attendant*

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(*Class of 2026*)
Colin Burkhart · Michael Labbee, *Senior Warden* · Tom Shevlin
(*Class of 2027*)
Ted Badger, *Junior Warden* · Ed Lanctot · Kanika Tomalin
(*Class of 2028*)
Cathy Ball · Jay Hill, *Treasurer* · Greg Prescott

OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

OUR VISION

To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith and spread love out into the beloved community.

