

HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

August 30, 2026 • The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 8:00 & 10:00 AM (Proper 17)

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			EXPLANATORY NOTES & RUBRICS
VOLUNTARY	“The Church’s one foundation”	Mark Hayes (b. 1953)	
*HYMN 675	“Take up your cross, the Savior said”	Bourbon	Please stand as you are able.
Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.		
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.		
COLLECT OF PURITY			
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 Collect for Purity is a prayer of preparation as we enter worship.
THE GLORIA			
COLLECT OF THE DAY			
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD			
FIRST LESSON		Exodus 3: 1-15	
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now			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.

come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

PSALM 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino*



Give thanks to the Lord our God, and call up - on his name.

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

Throughout the summer, at 8 AM, we recite the Psalm together. At 10 AM, we will speak the psalm and sing the refrain together.

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.

- Refrain*
- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

- Refrain*
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
 - 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
 - 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
 - 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
 - 45 Hallelujah!

Refrain

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

Please stand as you are able.

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

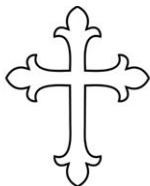
The Gospel is the most important reading of all the lessons, and is accompanied by more ceremony. It, like all the lessons, is proper to the day.

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.



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In today’s gospel, Jesus invites us to follow him. As he laid down his life in intercession for the world, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, saying: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For all people of faith who struggle to believe in the promise of life amid the clamor of death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For the churches who must bear witness to the possibility of taking up the cross and following Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are losing their souls in the pursuit of worldly gain, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those laying down their lives in faithful dedication to God’s call, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For all who are sick and in need of healing, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts: _____. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are to die this week, and for their safe passage to the life of the world to come. For all who have died, especially remembering Virginia Dixon Kuhlman, grandmother of Blair and Tyson Martin, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts: _____. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For all here present who will one day be judged by God’s standards and meet Christ coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For the right use and good stewardship of our planet earth, especially for Benison Farm, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, strengthen us.**

Celebrant Most high God, your ways are not our ways, yet your ways bear life. Hear the petitions of your assembled people. Pour out on your world the faith to hear your call and the courage to answer it. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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)

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.

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 understand, 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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*OFFERTORY HYMN (by drawing)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

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.

Celebrant *People*

A - men.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

*HYMN 450 (v 1-3)

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

Coronation

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PROCESSION

VOLUNTARY

"Festive Intrada"

Paul Fey (b. 1998)

Please stand.

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

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.

- Thanks to those who are serving today (*denotes 8am):
- Audio Visual: Stuart Hine.
 - Healing: Adrienne Ruga.
 - Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Shevlin.
 - Lectors: *Jack Day, Kanika Tomalin, Liz Stiles.
 - Oblation Bearer: Adrienne Ruga.
 - Prayers of the People: *Jack Day, Peggy Lewis.
 - Usher: Henry Woodroffe, Bill Vrooman.
 - Altar Guild: Laura Labbee, Diane Robinson.
 - Coffee Hosts: Adrienne Ruga, Laura Reitan.
 - Counter: Joanna Ritch.
 - Flower Guild: Martha Goodwill, Molly Goodwill, Pam Hamby, Pam Holley.

This Sunday's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Tyler Hillier and Molly Goodwill.



The Sanctuary Candle is given in grateful thanksgiving for the service of the altar guild, flower guild, and staff of St. Thomas'.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ongoing: Geoff B., Carol W., Larry S., Laura V., Rene C., Marilyn L., Marty G., Sue M., Jim R., Lore A., Carrie J., Helen D., Carole C., Aida M., Carrie C., Pam M., Diane O., Roger M., Bob S., Charlie T., Lulu R., Tracy S., Pete R., Charles R., Jeanine R., Oliver Q., Michelle Q., Luis Q., Tricia S.

Upcoming Weddings: Colin B. and Hannah W., Vinny N. and Bryce F.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS' THIS WEEK

8/31 - Keeping St. Thomas' Healthy, 8:00 pm; Chorus Angelorum Rehearsal, 7:00 pm | **9/1** - MA, 4:00 pm | **9/2** - Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am; (No Holy Eucharist at 5:15 pm); Supper, Song & Prayer, 6:00 pm | **9/3** - Zoom Happy Hour, 6:00 pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm | **9/5** - Acolyte Training, 10:00 am; Isaiah's Place Hot Meal Prep, 11:30 am; AlAnon, 7:00 pm



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

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*
The Rev. David B. L. Gould, *Assistant*
The Rev. Martha E. Goodwill, *Deacon*
Jordan R. Markham, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Russ Martin, *Parish Administrator*
Jon Ward, *Sexton*
Haliegh McGrath *Nursery Attendant*

Vestry

(*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.

