

HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

October 4, 2026 • The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 8:00 & 10:00 AM (Proper 22)

Blessing of the Animals - 10:00 AM

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 "O Waly Waly" Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

***HYMN 448 (vv 1-3 & 6)** "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*

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 234**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the

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.

people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

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

PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*



THE heavens declare the | glory · of | God; *
and the firmament | **show**-|eth his | handy-work.
2 One day | telleth · an-|other; *
and one night | certi-|fieth · an|other.

3 There is neither | speech nor | language; *
but their voices | **are** | heard a-|mong them.

4 Their sound is gone out | into · all | lands; *
and their words into the | **ends** | of the | world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle | for the | sun; *
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
And rejoiceth as a | giant · to | run his | course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven
and runneth about unto the | end of · it a-|gain; *
and there is nothing | hid · from the | heat there-|of.

7 The law of the LORD is an undefiled law con-|verting · the | soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth | wisdom | unto · the | simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, and re-|joice the | heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth | light un-|to the | eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, and en-|dureth · for | ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true, and | righteous | alto-|gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold * yea, than | much fine | gold; *
sweeter also than | honey| and the | honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy | servant | taught; *
and in keeping of | them · there is | great re-|ward.

12 Who can tell how | oft · he of-|fendeth? *
O cleanse thou | me · from my | secret | faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get the do-|minion | over me; *
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent | from the | great of-|fence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart
be alway acceptable | in thy | sight, *
O LORD, my | strength and | my re-|deemer.

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.

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.

pattern and does not
normally interact
thematically with the other
lessons.

Please stand as you are able.

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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.

We have come together to rejoice with God the Creator at the wonderful creation around us. **Let us sing to the Lord a new song; a song for all the creatures of the earth.**

Let us rejoice in the goodness of God shown in the beauty of little things. **Let us marvel at the little creatures who are innocent in God's sight.**

Let us extol God's handiwork in the complexity of their lives. **Let us not be haughty or proud, too full of ourselves to praise the Lord of little things.**

Let us rejoice in the other worlds sublime and mysterious that God has made: **the world of earthworms burrowing in the ground;**

The world of skylarks soaring above us; the world of foxes playing around their dens.

Let us hear the divine rejoicing throughout the whole earth: "the earth is mine and the fullness thereof." **Help us to wonder, Lord, to stand in awe; to stand and stare; and so to praise you for the richness of the world you have laid before us.**

God of the universe, all creatures praise you: the sun setting on the lake, the birds flying upward toward the heavens; the growl of the bear, the darting of the stickleback; the purring of the cat, the wide eyes of the tiger; the swift legs of the cheetah, the dance of the hare; the lapping of the dog, the descent of the dove. O God, the music of your creatures resounds throughout creation and in heaven a symphony is made. **Help us to wonder, Lord, to stand in awe; to stand and stare; and so to praise you for the richness of the world you have laid before us.**

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.

Dear Lord, thank you for blessing us with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. As we prayerfully consider how you are calling us to build together for you, help us to know your will in how you want us to give to you our first fruits for the upcoming year and your ministries here at St. Thomas', we pray to the Lord: **Amen.**

Holy God, thank you for Benison Farm and bless its ministry as you continue to build and grow the communities of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's working together. Bless the Farm's witness to St. Petersburg', the wider church, and beyond as you foster in us a spirit of love, support, and stewardship, we pray to the Lord: **Amen.**

Celebrant Generous God, whose own self-giving is reflected in the love and devotion of these animal companions; bless them with your Spirit, and make us mindful of the great responsibility we bear for all creatures' dependent upon us for their welfare; help us to use our power over them for their own benefit and never selfishly for our own gain. We ask it in the Name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant All living creatures you have put under our protection, and we are to care for them as you care for us. Mindful of the great responsibility you have placed upon us, we now renew our covenant with these creatures in our care, and pray that we may be faithful to them as you are faithful to us.

God of unity and peace, send us now your Holy Spirit that we may feel a deeper kinship with all living creatures and by this act of renewal reaffirm the bond of covenant with all animals in our care.

Celebrant Will you name this creature?

People **(All give their animals name)**

Celebrant Will you care for these creatures as God's own creature?

People **We will with God's grace.**

Celebrant Will you be mindful of their Christ Like vulnerability?

People **We will with God's grace.**

Celebrant Will you love and protect them as long as they live?

People **We will with God's grace.**

Celebrant Will you be faithful and kind in good times and bad?

People **We will with God's grace.**

Celebrant May the God of the new covenant of Jesus Christ grant us grace to fulfill our promise and to show mercy to other creatures as God has shown mercy to us. **Amen.**

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.

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 “Behold, the tabernacle of God” William H. Harris (1883-1973)

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you:
for the temple of God is holy, which temple thou art:
for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.
Alleluia.*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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

Celebrant 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 A - men.

People A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364



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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.

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Jesus loves me, he who died heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying “Come with me abide.”
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
-Anna B. Warner*

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.

HYMN 318

“Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

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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.

*HYMN 400 (vv 1-4)

“All creatures of our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

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

THE PROCESSION

VOLUNTARY

“Toccata giocoso on *Walk in the Light*”

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

- Thanks to those who are serving today (*denotes 8am):*
- Audio Visual:** Jackson Whitley.
 - Greeters:** *Jacob & Evy Rodrigues, Diane Robinson, Russ Martin.
 - Healing:** Liz Stiles.
 - Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Tom Shevlin.
 - Lectors:** *Mike Bice, Michael Mahoney, George Burkhart.
 - Oblation Bearer:** Vickie Ryan.
 - Prayers of the People:** *Mike Bice, Beth Gould.
 - Usher:** George Burkhart, Bill Thomas.

 - Altar Guild:** Barb Bice, Linda Sordan.
 - Coffee Hosts:** Liz Stiles, Peggy Lewis.
 - Counter:** Diane Robinson.
 - Flower Guild:** Martha Goodwill, Molly Hillier.

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

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ongoing: Geoff B., Carol W., Larry S., Laura V., Rene C., Marty G., Sue M., Jim R., Lore A., Carrie J., Helen D., Carole C., Aida M., Carrie C., Pat M., Diane O., Bob S., Tracy S., Pete R., Charles R., Jeanine R., Oliver Q., Michelle Q., Luis Q., Tricia S., Lara M., Marcella R., Hargreaves, Haiwen C., Brook F.

Upcoming Weddings: Colin B. and Hannah W., Vinny N. and Bryce F. | **Upcoming Baptisms:** Ashlyn B., Oliver Z., Abbigy C., Lila C.

Upcoming Confirmations/Receptions: Tom Brouillet, Everly Jordanov, Emma Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Colton Tarver, Heather Boggini, Michelle Campbell, Elaine Harman, Peggy Lewis, Jacob Rodrigues, Evy Rodrigues, Lucia Zagazeta

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS' THIS WEEK

10/4 - Sandwich Sunday, 9:00 am; Christian Education: Explorers, Truthseekers, and Sojourners classes, 9:10 am; Confirmation Class, 11:30 am | **10/5** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Staff Meeting, 9:30 am; Keeping St. Thomas' Healthy, 6:00 pm; Chorus Angelorum Rehearsal, 6:00 pm | **10/6** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; MA Meeting, 4:00 pm; STAR, 5:00 pm; Chorus Angelourm Rehearsal, 6:00 pm | **10/7** - Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am; Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; STAR, 5:00 pm; Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 5:15 pm; Supper, Song & Prayer, 6:00 pm; Compline, 6:45 pm; Adult Formation, 7:00 pm | **10/8** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am | **10/9** - Diocesan Convention | **10/10** - Diocesan Convention; STAR, 10:00 am; Al-Anon, 7:00 pm



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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.

