



St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
The Order of Worship for  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021 † 8:30 AM

*Window: The Temple of Solomon*

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Welcome

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** *unison*

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** *unison*

BCP 356

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 Collect of the Day**

BCP 234

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 Lessons**

**A Reading from Job:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

RCL 337

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**A reading from the Letter of Hebrews:** Hebrews 4:12-16

RCL 338

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Nicene Creed *unison*

BCP 358

**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.**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work, especially for those working in education, healthcare, and emergency services; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, for Brewer Elementary School and St. Thomas Day School, for our nation, and for the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Rob, our Bishop, and Victor, our Companion Bishop; for the clergy, staff, and lay leaders of St. Thomas; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for St. Thomas parishioners Jessica, Renee, Chris and family, Martha, the family & friends of Charlotte, Del, Nicole, Randy, Charlene, Sandi & Bill, Joe, Ashley, Henry, Maeve, and Darius; our homebound members Marianne, Murray, Judy, Jan, and Bill; for friends of the parish Kahlani, Gloria, Chuck, Frank, Russ, Geri, Bob, Betty, Rubye, and Teresa, for those who care for them, and for those we name silently or aloud... *The People may add their own petitions.* Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Give thanks for Zane, who will be baptized today and for his family; for Raymond, Mickie, Molly, Stan, and Luis celebrating birthdays; and Michael & Hunter celebrating anniversaries. *Silence... The People may add their own thanksgivings.* We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, Harvey, Chuck, Mike, Shane, and Charlotte, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**The Confession of Sin** *unison*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

**The Peace**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offering

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts.

You may mail a check to 2100 Hilton Avenue, Columbus, GA 31906,  
donate online at our website (<https://www.stthomascolumnbus.org/give/>),  
or use your mobile device by texting **STTCOLUMBUS** to **73256**.

On the second Sunday of each month we receive a special offering for CVEM. You may donate by check to St. Thomas Episcopal Church (mark "CVEM" in the memo line), online or by text by selecting "CVEM", or by check to CVEM (mail to P. O. Box 5811, Columbus, GA 31906).

### The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and 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 continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** *unison*

BCP 364

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.

*All the baptized from any denomination are invited to the altar for communion. You do not have to be an Episcopalian or a member of St. Thomas in order to receive. Come forward when the usher invites you. Stand or kneel at the rail and hold out your hands. If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms across your chest and a prayer of blessing will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.*

*If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, let the usher know.*

### **The Blessing**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## In our prayers

**St. Thomas parishioners:** Jessica McComb, Renee McAneny, Chris Barbee and family, Martha Robert, the family & friends of Charlotte DuPriest, Del Weeks, Nicole Ceccato, Randy Moore, Charlene Moore, Sandi & Bill Pauli, Joe Russell, Ashley Huie-Strong, Henry Morrill, Maeve Morrill, Darius Slusher

**Homebound members:** Marianne Baxter, Murray Craig, Judy Harding, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas

**Those working in healthcare:** Ansley McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Babs McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Liz McKnight (*Marquette McKnight*), Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Sean Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashvskiy, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), LeighEllen Johnson (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Doug Venable (*Lisa Herring*)

**Friends of the parish:** Kahlani (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Gloria Toney (*Nancy Prescott*), Chuck Griffin (*Joe Mills*), Frank Blizzard (*Maryann Rahm*), Russ Carreker (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Geri Davis (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Bob Kidd (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Betty Venable (*Lisa Herring*), Rubye Screws (*Pam Feagle*), Teresa (*Jenny Holder*)

**Those with continuing concerns:** Jack Tice, Gerald Boyd, Esther Thomas, Joe Mills, Bill Pauli, Mandy Ochoa, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Carlene Pawlowicz, Sandra Wood, Gene Wells, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

**Those celebrating birthdays:** Raymond Campbell 10/10, Mickie Hall 10/10, Molly Barr 10/11, Stan Gray 10/15, Luis Perez 10/15

**Those celebrating anniversaries:** Michael & Hunter Dempsey 10/11

**Those who have died:** Harvey Hisaw 11/5/20, Chuck Bentfeld 1/27/21, Mike Edmondson 2/10/21, Shane Jolley 8/30/21, Charlotte DuPriest 9/10/21

## Announcements

**CVEM Sunday:** On Second Sundays we receive a special offering to support the work of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry in caring for our neighbors. CVEM is positioned to offer targeted direct support to prevent eviction and assist neighbors in taking steps toward greater security. Thank you for your generosity!

**Sunday Adult Formation:** Becoming a Living Kidney Donor (THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m., library and on Zoom). Nearly 100,000 people in the United States are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant; about 12 people a day die awaiting one. Two St. Thomas members (Mike Rallo and Joe Mills) are presently in need of a kidney transplant. Another (Charlene Rallo) has been a living kidney donor, and still another (Ray Capo) has been through the evaluation process for being a kidney donor. This special, one-session Sunday Adult Formation event provides an opportunity to learn from our fellow members involved personally with the urgent need for living kidney donations and the process involved in becoming a living donor. Contact [denny@stthomas columbus.org](mailto:denny@stthomas columbus.org) if you need the St. Thomas LinkTree to participate on Zoom. Weathering the Apocalyptic Storm (Oct. 17-31, 9:30 a.m., library and on Zoom). The winds of change are blowing fiercely across the world,

weakening traditional values and social forms, creating social and political turmoil, and producing immense uncertainty. This requires a transformation in how we view the world. This 3-week series, led by Art France, will examine the meaning of 'apocalypse', how it is manifesting in our time, and how we can weather the storm.

**Family Eucharist:** Join us this afternoon at 4:00 for Family Eucharist outside

**Wynnton Neighborhood Network Food Pantry:** St. Thomas offers extra support for the food pantry in October, both food and monetary offerings. Items needed year-round include canned vegetables and meat, canned tomato products, spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter and jelly, soup, rice, toilet paper, bar soap, and laundry detergent (powdered or pods). The following are needed for holiday baskets: green beans, cream of mushroom soup, corn, stuffing, chicken broth, corn bread mix, canned yams, cranberry sauce, evaporated milk, and brownie mix.

**An Evening with Sue Mitchell Wallace: October 11 at 7 pm, in the Nave and online.** Presented by the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and St. Thomas; featuring our own Roger Redden, Chris Walton, and Brian Walker, trumpets, and Rick McKnight, organ. Sue is an Atlanta composer and national council member AGO. She has arranged 6 collections of music for trumpet(s) and organ with John Head, former principal trumpet of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

**Worship next Sunday:** Next Sunday, October 17, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard as our preacher while Rev. Grace is away. Cindy is a retired United Methodist pastor who, along with her husband Spencer, now worships regularly with St. Thomas. She will preach and lead Morning Prayer at 8:30. The Rev. Canon Sandy McCann will join her at 10:30 to celebrate Eucharist. Note that there will be no Wednesday service on October 13 while Rev. Grace is away.

**Floating Classroom - A Creation Keepers Invitation: Saturday October 23.** St. Thomas Creation Keepers, in conjunction with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) and Chattahoochee Riverkeepers, will offer a family outing on West Point Lake on Miss Sally, a 42-foot vessel certified to carry up to 44 passengers. We will appreciate the glory and beauty of our natural world while also exploring the deeper and sacred meaning of water in our faith community. For more information or to sign up email [office@stthomascolumnbus.org](mailto:office@stthomascolumnbus.org).

**Trunk or Treat:** Sign up to be a trunk at St. Thomas' Trunk or Treat, October 24 at 4:00PM! If you have an idea of a trunk theme, write that down as well. If you are still thinking, no worries. Bring wrapped candy, treats or small toys to pass out to our church children. Please keep all treats peanut free. Don't forget to wear a mask! Thank you, Ms. Erin and Ms. Katie. Contact Mrs. Erin or [office@stthomascolumnbus.org](mailto:office@stthomascolumnbus.org) for a link to sign up.

**Evening Prayer: Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 on Zoom.** A brief online service of Evening Prayer takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 on Zoom. Find the link on our LinkTree or email [office@stthomascolumnbus.org](mailto:office@stthomascolumnbus.org) to get connected. You can also join by phone if you do not use Zoom.

**Wednesday Eucharist: 5:15 in the Chapel.** Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 for Evening Prayer and Eucharist with healing rite in the Chapel. The service will conclude in time to get to Journey Groups at 6 pm. **NOTE: Wednesday Eucharist will be canceled this Wednesday, October 13, while Rev. Grace is away.**

**Wednesday Schedule:** Join St. Thomas on Wednesdays for Eucharist in the chapel at 5:15; Journey groups, activities for youth, Episcokids, and nursery care from 6 to 7. We are not offering a meal for now, due to Covid, but feel free to bring dinner and eat in the parking lot if that helps your evening schedule go more smoothly. Questions? Write to [office@stthomascolumnbus.org](mailto:office@stthomascolumnbus.org).

**Episcokid Wonderful Wednesdays:** Episcokids meet at 6 pm in the Narthex & right outside on the patio, ages 4 year-5th grade. Join us as we consider the theme of neighbor and the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke. While masked and socially distant, we will grow in our relationship with God and each other as we explore, play, and discover. If parents are interested in a hybrid model for kids at home, contact Ms. Erin.