



St. Thomas Episcopal Church
The Order of Worship for
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021 † 8:30 AM

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 236

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 Lessons

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel: I Samuel 1:4-20

RCL 350

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and

remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

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

Psalm 16 *responsively by half verse*

BCP 599

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A reading from Hebrews: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

RCL 352

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since

we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark: Mark 13:1-8

RCL 353

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

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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.

Prayers of the People *from Church of England prayers*

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Bless Rob, our bishop, and Victor, our companion bishop, and all ministers and leaders of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of those who are poor or in need; all who minister to those who are sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all bear illness or pain, especially St. Thomas parishioners Greg, Amaya, The Slembariski family, The Holloway & Webb families, Norma & family, Del, Joe & Libba, Marianne, Jessica, Nicole, Randy, Charlene, Sandi & Bill, Ashley, Henry, Maeve, and Darius; our homebound members Marianne, Murray, Judy, Jan, and Bill; friends of the parish Melissa, Frank, Joanne, James, Luke & family, James & Vicky, Ken, and Teresa and those who care for them, that their sorrow may be turned to joy. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all who have gone before us, especially Chuck, Mike, Shane, Charlotte, and Lowell; preserve in your faith your servants on earth; guide us to your kingdom; and grant us your peace at all times. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession of Sin *unison*

BCP 360

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 Peace

Beginning Anew

Paul Hostetter

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 A*

BCP 361

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you 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 *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 one hand to receive bread only or two hands to receive bread dipped in wine. 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.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Greg Herring, Amaya Chapman, The Slembariski family, The Holloway & Webb families, Norma Jergens & family, Del Weeks, Joe & Libba Russell, Marianne Richter, Jessica McComb, Nicole Ceccato, Randy Moore, Charlene Moore, Sandi & Bill Pauli, 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*), Wendy Memmott (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashkevskiy, 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: Melissa Bass (*Maryjane Wrenn*), Frank Blizzard (*Maryann Rahm*), Joanne Vasquez (*Maryann Rahm*), James Sealy (*Spence Sealy*), Luke Boswell & family (*Joe Mills*), James & Vicky Mills (*Joe Mills*), Ken Rivers (*Ashley Huie-Strong*), 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: Paul Johnston 11/15, Ann Johnston 11/15, Sarah Clayton 11/15, Sydney Godwin 11/15, Darius Slusher 11/16, Sara Ginter 11/16, Karen Lord 11/16, MaryjaneWrenn 11/16, Lauren Demko 11/16, Robert Moore 11/19, Bert Wadkins 11/19, Benjamin Mills 11/19, Mary Etchison 11/20, Katie Holbrook 11/20

Those celebrating anniversaries: Sid & Heidi Regan 11/18, Randy & Charlene Moore 11/19

Those who have died: Chuck Bentfeld 1/27/21, Mike Edmondson 2/10/21, Shane Jolley 8/30/21, Charlotte DuPriest 9/10/21, Lowell Jergens 10/23/21

Announcements

Beginning Anew: Supporting St. Thomas in 2022 and beyond. November 14-December 5. What an exciting time to be part of St. Thomas. We stayed strong through the challenges of 2020 and 2021 and are ready to begin 2022 with energy and hope. Beginning November 14, we will invite your pledges of financial support for our ministries in 2022. Pick up pledge packets that morning. Stay after the 10:30 service for a brief presentation about plans for 2022 and a time to ask your questions. Please turn in pledge cards by December 5. We will celebrate at our Carol Party on December 19 at 4 pm.

Continuing Faithfulness Capital Fund: November 14-December 5. In addition to annual pledges, this year we also invite gifts for our Continuing Faithfulness Capital Fund. Significant roof and HVAC maintenance will be needed in the next few years, as well as routine maintenance on the nave windows. We are building up this fund in order to be ready to address these needs as they arise. Dedicated gifts or bequests to this fund will directly support St. Thomas both in the present and long into the future. If you are able to make a gift above and beyond your annual pledge, consider giving to this fund to support the present and future care of our facility.

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: [Affordable Housing Crisis in Columbus](#) (Nov. 7, 14, 21, 9:30 a.m., library and on Zoom). For decades St. Thomas Outreach has supported housing projects such as Habitat for Humanity, and NeighborWorks Columbus. Where do these programs stand now in providing sustainable housing for our vulnerable citizens? What may we be called to do?

Family Eucharist: Join us at 4:00 this afternoon for Family Eucharist on the Patio. We will celebrate a liturgy for Thanksgiving Day.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Shoppers: WNN receives weekly food deliveries from Feeding the Valley as well as donations of canned goods from partner congregations. Because the supply of food from these sources varies, they often have to go shopping to get specific items needed. St. Thomas members have a unique opportunity to help. On Thursdays, a list of items the pantry is likely to need the following week will be shared with a volunteer shopper from St. Thomas. The shopper will purchase the items over the weekend and deliver to the church by Sunday night. On Monday, WNN will have what they need to start the week. To support this new ministry, you may donate money through St. Thomas for WNN this Sunday or at any time. Or, sign up to be a shopper by contacting office@stthomascolumnbus.org. WNN has seen a large increase in clients in recent weeks, so this is a timely opportunity to give.

Welcome Classes: Sundays in November, 9:30 in the Chapel. For those who are new to St. Thomas and those who would like to learn more. Join us to meet other newcomers and learn about the history of the Episcopal Church, the history of St. Thomas, and how we work together. These classes and/or our Journey Groups serve as preparation for Confirmation and Reception on December 5. A tour of the facility will be offered on November 21.

AED Training: St. Thomas Vestry recently approved the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED is used to revive a person who has suffered sudden cardiac arrest. Because we value life and love our neighbors, our Vestry felt it was important to have this device available. The device will arrive in a few weeks. An AED is designed to be easy for anyone to use, but training is recommended. If you would like to be trained, contact office@stthomascolumnbus.org by November 15. A date for training will be chosen once the device has arrived.

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 to get connected. You can also join by phone if you do not use Zoom.

Wednesday Eucharist: 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.

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.

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.

Adult Grief Groups at the Pastoral Institute: Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm; The Community Room at Pastoral Institute; 1515 20th Street, Columbus, GA 31901. Our weekly Adult Grief Groups are now open to the public! Session topics include: Sharing grief story, language and emotions that accompany grief, tools of survival, healing and all that it entails, the new normal and adjusting to change, remembrance and hope. Learn more or register at www.pastoralinstitute.org/grief