



Window: King David

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Order of Worship for
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024 † 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.

A Psalm of Praise *unison*

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God;

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

The Collect of the Day

BCP 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14 *read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk*

BCP 598

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

A Reading from the Letter to the Church at Ephesus

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the

world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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:

In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us with the words of life and bread of blessing. Grant that Jesus may calm our fears and move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing our bread with others.

Silence

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Give thanks for the birthdays of Audrian, Eliam, Debbie, Larry, Joe, Maryann, and Kevin, and the anniversary of Steve & Faye.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for St. Thomas parishioners Deborah & Steve, Stewart, Korie, Martha, Joe, Lily and Emma, Becca, Marie, John, Neal, Ellen, Steve, Cindy, Bernie, Rick, and Raymond; our homebound members Ramón and Maria, Carol, Bill, Jan, and William; friends of the parish Ron, Grant, Larry, Duane, Bruce and Kelly, the Allison family, William, Ron, Johnny, Roger, Sam, Mary Louise & Family, Mason, Dan, Rick, Odell, Emma Duke, and Mary, and for others we name at this time.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially Rolene, Mike, Marianne, Mitchi, Sam, Bill, Dixie, Bob, Judy, Murray, and Judy; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer of the hungry, like a mother you long to feed your children until each is satisfied. Turn our eyes to you alone, that, aware of our own deepest longings, we will reach out with Christ to feed others with the miracle of your love. **Amen.**

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

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The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

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.

Remain as you are or kneel

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, Leah, Bilhah, and Zilpah; 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.

Fraction

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 Christians are joyfully invited to share in communion. You do not have to be a member of St. Thomas or an Episcopalian in order to receive. Come forward down the center aisle when invited by the ushers. Hold out one hand to receive the bread and then dip the bread in the cup or drink from the cup. If you prefer not to share a common cup, hold out two hands to receive the bread and wine together. If you prefer not to receive either the bread or the cup, cross your arms across your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the server know. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, let the usher know.

Postcommunion Prayer *unison*

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.

Preparation for Prayer in the Nave

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Deborah & Steve Tucker, Stewart MacDougall, Korie MacDougall, Martha Carlsen, Joe Morrow, Lily and Emma Walker, Becca Nicolson, Marie Massey, John Studstill, Neal Fenter, Ellen Free, Steve Scott, Cindy Godwin, Bernie Sutter, Rick McKnight, Raymond Campbell

Homebound members: Ramón & Maria Capo, Carol Kennon, Bill Pauli, Jan Pittman, William South

Friends of the parish: Ron Grant (*Jennifer Fetcher*), Grant Martin (*Susan Anderson*) Emma Bleke (*Ann Burr*), Grant Martin (*Susan Anderson*), Larry Williams (*Susan Leigh*), Duane Hiers (*Taylor Mack*), Bruce and Kelly Doll (*Reb Kreyling*), the Allison family (*Susie Olive-Allison*), William Lacefield (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Melanie Kirkman (*Francis Woolfolk*), Ron Grant (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Johnny Garrett (*Rick McKnight*), Roger Buterbaugh (*Danny Ginter*), Sam Delgado (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Mary Louise Grable & family (*Patty Slembarski*), Mason Cullars (*Ena Hunt*), Dan Dawson (*Sandy Dawson*), Rick Schomburg (*Nelia Partain*), Odell Smith (*Marcel Meijer*), Emma Duke Bleke (*Joe Mills*), Mary (*Roxane Gwyn*)

Those with continuing concerns: Gene Wells, Frank & Pam Feagle, Carlene Pawlowicz, Ralph Wimberly, Henry Morrill, Jessica McComb, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*)

Soldiers & families at Ft. Moore and St. Thomas members & friends who are deployed: Krk Malit

Those celebrating birthdays: Audrian Ward 7/28, Eliam Isijola 7/29, Debbie Anderson 7/30, Larry Dooley 8/1, Joe Mills 8/2, Maryann Rahm 8/3, Kevin Waldrup 8/3

Those celebrating anniversaries: Steve & Faye Melton 8/1

Those who have died: Rolene Stewart 8/6/23, Mike Nichols 8/31/23, Marianne Baxter 9/9/23, Mitchi Wade 11/3/23, Sam Harmon 11/25/23, Bill Thomas 11/25/23, Dixie Harmon 12/23/23, Bob Wadkins 1/11/24, Judy Harding 1/22/24, Murray Craig 4/4/24, Judy Gunter 4/6/24

Announcements

For more information about the ministries of St. Thomas, pick up our latest *Seasons* newsletter or visit our website at www.StThomasColumbus.org.

Sundays

Coffee Time: 8:45-10:15. Homemade and packaged snacks are available in the parish hall.

Formation for all ages: 9:30-10:15am

Adults meet in the Library. Adult Formation in July: Summer of Service. Join us to hear from current and potential outreach partners of St. Thomas. July 28 - St. Thomas Youth share about General Convention August 4 - St. Thomas Outreach Roundtable

Tweens & Youth meet in the Youth Room: Vocation & Values Summer Series. This summer, all Teens and Tweens are invited to join in a special summer series that will showcase many different job opportunities and vocational paths. During the Sunday School hour each week, we will hear from different St. Thomas parishioners about their career, the path they took to get there, and how they apply their Christian values to their chosen vocation. *July 28: Ben Daniels and Chaz Wagner*

Children PreK- 4th grade meet in the Outreach Center: Fruits of the Spirit. Throughout the season after Pentecost, children will take a look at the “The Fruits of the Spirit” in a summer Sunday school series led by Ms. Shayla and volunteers.

Worship:

Children’s Chapel: Children follow the petite cross to the Chapel before the Gospel reading and return for Holy Eucharist at the Peace.

Children’s lectionary bulletins can be found in the busy bags located under the wooden table at the rear of All Saints’ Hall.

Contemplative Service: This evening at 5 pm, in the Chapel. Join us for quiet and candlelight, healing prayers and anointing, Holy Eucharist with homemade bread, a meditation and the chanting of Taizé pieces. Bring a friend; all are welcome to come and listen for God’s voice.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays Eucharist: 5:30 in the Chapel. This brief Eucharist focuses on a saint being celebrated that day or week, using an updated version of the Eucharistic prayer with more expansive language for God and people. This service will continue through summer. Thanks to our altar guild for making this possible.

News for this week

Sermons this Summer: Theology on Stage. Join us this summer for sermons focused on Jesus but with an eye toward familiar stories from the stage. On dates not listed, a different preacher will be with us. *August 4 - West Side Story*

Upcoming & Ongoing

August Excursion: The Columbus Museum. One space left for Columbus Museum excursion on Aug. 8- Call Roxane today!

Foyers Sign-ups: Foyers dinner groups start meeting in the fall and are social groups designed to encourage fellowship and connection with other St. Thomas folks. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 18th. Once the groups are formed, you will be notified by dinner group leaders in September to determine the date, time and location of your first gathering. Register with the QR code or on our website at StThomasColumbus.org/news Any questions, please contact Barbara Brandenburgh.

St. Thomas Softball Team: The St. Thomas softball team is coming back! Games will take place on Thursday evenings in August and September. If you are interested in playing on the team, please contact Taylor Mack ASAP.

Summer Choir: Summer Choir is an intergenerational, unvested (no robes!) choir. Each Sunday the Summer Choir meets at 9:55 in the Chapel to go over the hymns to support the congregational singing during the service. Come for a week or come for the summer. Anyone is welcome to sing with Summer Choir as often as you'd like! Thanks to Debbie Anderson and Hunter Mullen for leading.

Altar Flowers: The giving of Altar Flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember our loved ones. In addition to enhancing the beauty of worship, the name(s) of those being honored or remembered and the name(s) of the donor will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. A contribution of \$75 is requested for altar flowers prepared by the Flower Guild, or you may order flowers from a professional florist if you prefer. Sign up online or contact the church office for the schedule. More info at stthomas columbus.org/altar-flowers/

Evening Prayer: *Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 5:45 or so on Zoom.* We gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays online at 5:30 for a brief time of prayer in the evening. The link is available on our LinkTree.

Prayer Group: The St. Thomas Prayer Group meets weekly to offer all kinds of prayers, including Prayers of the People shared on Sunday mornings. We also pray for those who have asked for prayers but wish them to be private. This list is confidential to the Prayer Group. Contact the church office to request prayers or to find out about being a part of the Prayer Group. The group meets in person in the Chapel at St. Thomas the first Monday of each month and online on other Mondays.

QR Code for signups! Use the QR code to find a list of current signups at St. Thomas including Wednesday night dinners! New to QR codes? Open the camera on your smartphone (or a QR reader), point at the black and white code box, when prompted push the link that shows up on your screen.



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