

The Holy Eucharist



November 7, 2021

10:00 am

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance please ask one of the Greeters at the door to help you. We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals for children.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards found in your pew or at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate. If you fill out a Pew Card, then we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email the following week. If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please make your request known to either a Greeter or the clergy.

Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

Hymn numbers in the leaflet refer to the blue *Hymnal 1982*; BCP numbers in the leaflet refer to the pages in the *Book of Common Prayer*. We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net.

Please speak to a Greeter if you need hearing assistance. We are now equipped with devices to assist you no matter where you sit in the church.

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.

We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn: I Surrender All

LEVAS 133

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

3. All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that thou art mine. *Refrain*

4. All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with thy love and power,
Let thy blessings fall on me. *Refrain*

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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 following is said, all standing.

Gloria

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from First Kings.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he

set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 127 *Said responsively, standing.*

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

² Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

³ It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
**vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

⁴ Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

⁵ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

⁶ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
**he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

LEVAS162

- 1. Come by here Lord, come by here,
Come by here Lord, come by here,
Come by here Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.**
- 2. Someone needs you Lord, come by here,
Someone needs you Lord, come by here,
Someone needs you Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.**
- 3. Send a blessing Lord, come by here,
Send a blessing Lord, come by here,
Send a blessing Lord, come by here, O Lord, come by here.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

All stand and turn to face the Gospel.

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader & People

**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 concludes with an absolution.

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. **Amen.**

Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Morning Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth., through Jesus Christ our Lord. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, 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:

All **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 people kneel.

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:

People and Celebrant

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn: O How I Love Jesus

LEVAS 95

**1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear,
The sweetest name on earth.**

***Refrain:* O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!**

**2. It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain***

**3. It tells me what my Father hath
In store for ev'ry day,
And though I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way. *Refrain***

**4. It tells of one whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part,
That none can bear below. *Refrain***

Postcommunion Prayer *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Blessing *The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.*

- 1. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory
his army shall be lead,
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.**
- 2. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day:
ye that are his now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.**
- 3. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
stand in this strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor,
and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.**
- 4. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:
the strife will not be long:
this day, the noise of battle;
the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant,
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Prayers

Prayer is a very important part of our life at St. Thomas.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) deliver communion and prayers to the ill and homebound each month. To sign up for this important ministry, please call 508-824-9595.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for five households each week. This is a way for us to reach out in prayer to all our members on a systematic and regular basis. This week we pray for the Pemberton, Pereira, Perkins, Perkins, and Perry families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

Prayers for the Homebound and Ill members of our parish include.....Sharon DiRubio, Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Virginia Ames, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Jessica Pollard, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White, and Esther Wilbur.

Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas... Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery: All Saints' Church, Attleboro; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Commission on Ministry.

Flowers on the Altar are given in memory of George & Mina Miller; Walter & Marion Barker by Family; Mr. & Mrs. John R. Taylor & Family; James, Beatrice Ann & Sheldon Taylor; Eliza Hemming; R. Virginia Teed by Norm & Virginia Teed.

Participant

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher*

2021 Fundraisers

Today! **Fall Fair Festival**

December: **Calendar Raffle**

Ongoing: **St. Thomas Wear**

Adult sizes range from Small through Extra-Extra-Large

Qty	Size	Item	Cost	Total
_____	_____	Short-Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15.00	_____
_____	_____	Long-Sleeve T-Shirts	\$20.00	_____
_____	_____	Women's Polo Shirts	\$35.00	_____
_____	_____	Men's Polo Shirts	\$35.00	_____
_____	_____	1/4-Zip Sweatshirts	\$40.00	_____
_____	_____	Hoodies	\$40.00	_____
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Name: _____

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