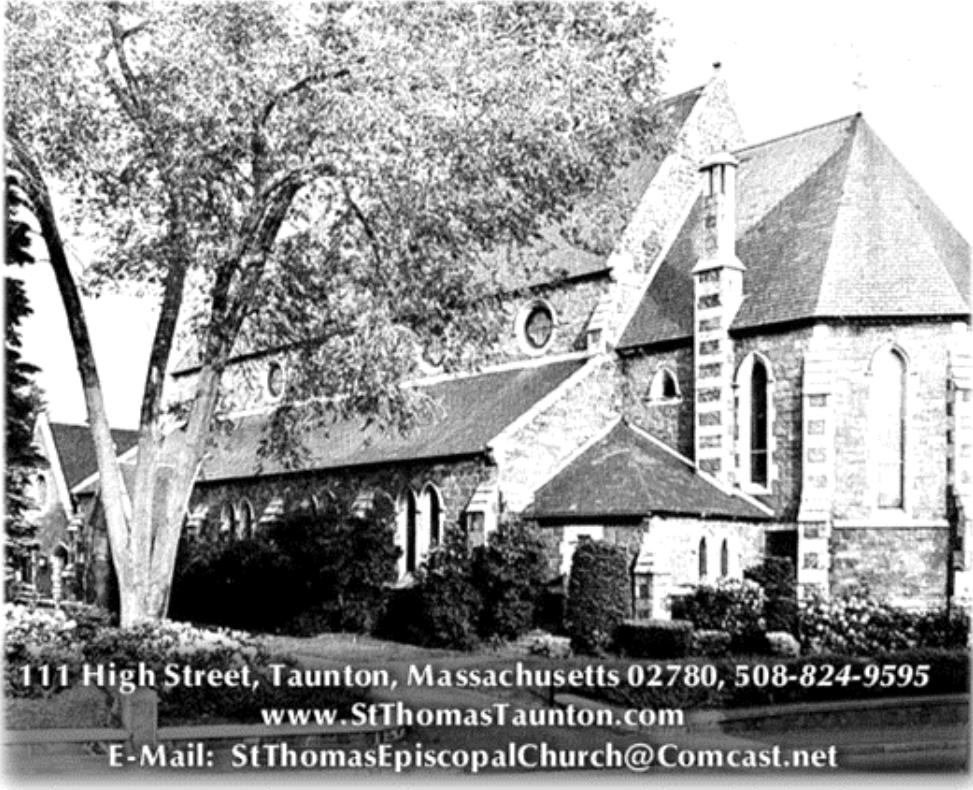


**'The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
Service of Holy Eucharist  
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday June 23, 2024**



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**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, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the greeter at the door.  
If you'd like to be contacted or join our congregation, please fill out a new member card found at the back of the church.




1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of  
 2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;  
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;  
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;  
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
 3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;  
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.  
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
 3. Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

## Collect of Purity

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

## Glory to God in the highest

Hymnal #S280

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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading *(please sit)*

**Job 38:1-11**

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements – surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb? –

when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
**from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

23 Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
**and plied their trade in deep waters;**

24 They beheld the works of the Lord \*  
**and his wonders in the deep.**

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
**which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
**their hearts melted because of their peril.**

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
**and were at their wits' end.**

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
**and quieted the waves of the sea.**

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
**and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.**

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
**and the wonders he does for his children.**

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
**and praise him in the council of the elders.**

**The Second Reading** (*please sit*)

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*Please stand*)

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.**

**The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 4:35-41**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of The Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Gradual** (*continued*)

**Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.**

**The Nicene Creed** (*please stand*)

**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.**

**The Prayers of the people**

**Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Alan, Carol, and Bishop elect Julia; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

### **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

**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.**

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.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          **And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.*



Lord of all creation; of water, earth and sky;  
The heavens are your Tabernacle; Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy**  
**The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy**  
**Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light  
As I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth  
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God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me; Father, holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy, holy, holy

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth  
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**Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Jesus Saviour, pilot me

LEVAS #80



1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me, O - ver life's tem -  
2. As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the  
3. When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful



1. pes - tuous sea: Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
2. o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will  
3. break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest



1. Hid - ing rocks and treach -'rous shoal; Chart and com - pass  
2. When thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov - 'reign  
3. Then, while lean - ing on thy breast, May I hear thee



1. come from thee, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!  
2. of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!  
3. say to me, "Fear not - I will pi - lot thee!"

The Doxology (*please stand*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

### Sanctus

WLP #858

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

*(please kneel as you are able)*

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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.

## **The Communion**

*All are welcome to receive at the Lord's table.*

**Communion      God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale      Jaroslav J. Vajda**

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars;  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?
2. God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast;  
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?
3. God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave;  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?
4. God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal;  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?
5. God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook;  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
6. God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart;  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

**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**

Recessional

As longs the deer for cooling streams

Hymnal #579

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Join us for coffee hour after the Service*

**Participants:** Christina Latour (Lay leader/Preacher), Monica Shearer (Cantor), Mygia-Jordan Findley (book carrier), Calvinne Dwuye (torch), Joan Thairu (torch), Alexia Bumpis (Crucifer), Sandi Mongiovi (Sacristan).

**Counters:** Joanne Stevens

**Altar Guild:** Avis Leary &

**Sound Technician:** Paul Vitale

Jedidah Kangethe

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## PRAYERS

### **In the parish cycle of prayer**

*Each week we pray for five households, so that we may reach out in prayer to all our members on a regular basis. Marge Largey, Tad & Marie Largey, Christina Latour, Kerry & Richard Latour, & Avis & Frank Leary*

**For the homebound and ill.** We pray for Athena Athas, Sergio Bento, Jen Boyts, Frank Capron, Kim Goulet, Linda Rachel Hebert, James Howard, Karin Kline, Agnes Kofa, Beth Leary, Frank Leary, Margaret Litzen, Dinis Loura, Annemarie Matulis, Jay Medeiros, Anne Meyers, Russ Meyers, Edna Michaels, Julie Moore, Sandra Mroka, Biz Obrien, Linda Perkins, Wayne Perkins, Melanie Pollard, Cindy Quinn, Lou Raposa, Carol Russell, Carole Silvia, Daniel Stevens, Norman Teed, and Sandra Trauterman. We pray too for their families and caregivers.

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer,** *Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery; Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River; St. Luke's Church, Fall River; St. Gabriel's Church, Marion; St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett*

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

**Memorial Flowers** are donated in loving memory of...

Job & Laura Barker

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Calvin T Dwuye

Our church community is still deeply impacted by the loss of our brother Calvin earlier this month.

Our prayers and thoughts are focused on his family during this time.

St. Thomas will be the hosting location of Calvin's wake & funeral with times:

Friday, June 28th @ 5:00 – 9:00pm

Saturday June 29th @ 10:00am.



**Sunday School commencement** is Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your children. Joyful Noise will be singing, and Sunday School children will be recognized.

**Thank you** to all who supported the Home Plate fundraiser on Tuesday!

**Senior Luncheon** - Thursdays at noon, Seniors 55+ are warmly invited to join us to enjoy appetizers, a meal, fellowship, and a game. You'll leave with a recipe and the ingredients to make it!

**Senior Sacks** - The third Wednesday of the month from 9 - 11am. Taunton residents 55+ can pick up a bag of groceries with pantry staples, fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats. *Due to the Juneteenth holiday, the next date will be held on June 26.*

**Coffee Hour** - Fellowship is important to our community. An important part of greeting visitors is to welcome them to our coffee hour after church.

*Please visit the sign-up sheet at the food table to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour.*

**Stewardship/Giving** - Thank you for your pledges and offerings.

Stewardship flyers and forms are available at the back of the church as well as giving envelopes. For your convenience, you may now make donations electronically using Cash App (508-933-9652).