

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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## MATTHEW 25



*Whatever you do for the least ...*

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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## PRELUDE

**All People That On Earth Do Dwell** *(Old 100th)*

*"The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN

**At the Name of Jesus** *(King's Weston)*

*"Let our hearts confess Him King of Glory now"*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*People*

**Amen.**

*It is customary to make the **Sign of the Cross** here. Subsequent places where making the Sign of the Cross is appropriate will be marked with a ✝*

### 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 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

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*People*           **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

#### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may

know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Celebrant:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95:1-7a**

#### ***Venite, exultemus***

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Christ is the King!** (*Christus Rex*)

*"So shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun, and the whole Church at last be one."*

### **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

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

## Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*People*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us  
pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all  
peoples, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air. For those in missionary service, especially Michelle for those in military service, especially **David, Ryan, Robby, Stephanie, Annmarie, Eli, Lou, John, Blake, and Bud**, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those celebrating a birthday, especially **Fr. Dave Radzik**

Bless those celebrating an anniversary, especially **William & Patricia Hacker and Len & Gloria Rota** and those traveling, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the suffering, and for the sick, especially **Alyce McTernan, Morgan Childrey, Ron Worley, Lorraine Fahey, Suzie Pachmyer, Jan Staub, Rita, Ruth Ihde, Jackie Guerra, Rudy Capece, Carole Pozek, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Sally Ebersole, Frank Abbott, Bill and Pat Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Tommy Weese, The McKinney Family, Tommy, Helen Depp, Tina Mrozek, Claudie D'Arras, Tony, David Miller, Clint Anderson, Scott Pochatek, Christina, Sue Zindar, and Martha Kareff;** homebound members and those we serve at Berea Healthcare. *Is there anyone you would like to remember? (pause);* For the recovering, **Joanne Lisi (Jojo), John Staub, Chris, Holly Vincent, Kira Seaton, and George;** and those who are care givers, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

✚ For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis, whose sanctified imagination lit fires of faith in young and old alike. Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 OFFERTORY**  
Jesus, our Mighty Lord (*Monk's Gate*)

*"Lead us then, day by day, in Your own steps, we pray, O Lord most Holy"*

*The Priest, places the bread on the paten (plate), raises, and says:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the Bread of Life.

*People:* **Blessed be God forever.**

*The Priest then pours wine and a little water into the chalice. Raising the chalice, he says:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become our spiritual Drink.

*People:* **Blessed be God forever**

*The Celebrant then washes his hands, saying silently:*

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to your altar; that I may show the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wondrous works."

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **THE SANCTUS**

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

And now, 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.**

## **THE FRACTION**

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Day by Day** *(Summer)*

## **Spiritual Communion**

*All, in person or at home, are invited to make a Spiritual Communion at this time.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **THE FINAL HYMN**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** (*Hyfrodol*)

*"Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood."*

### **THE BLESSING**

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Come Labour On"*