St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

St. Petersburg, FL

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS'. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY, AFFIRMING OUR SHARED FAITH IN CHRIST, AND WORSHIPING IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION. IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. THOMAS', BE AT PEACE HERE, FIND GOD AT WORK, AND KNOW THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PRAY WITH YOU TODAY.

Abbreviations found in this bulletin refer to: **BCP**—Book of Common Prayer (red book), **HYMN**—The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), **WLP**—Wonder, Love & Praise (green book), and **LEVAS**—Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black book)

EXPLANATORY NOTES & RUBRICS

THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY

HYMN 287 "For all the saints, who from their labors rest" *Sine Nomine*

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF PURITY **BCP 355**

The Collect for Purity is a prayer of preparation as we enter worship.

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 **S-280**

The "S" numbers are found in the beginning of the Hymnal 1982.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day is a traditional prayer, following a particular formula, that is part of the Propers for the day (assigned set of texts, including the readings).

FIRST LESSON Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and

honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Please be seated.

In the Episcopal Church, we read a full complement of lessons from Scripture each Sunday. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary used by many denominations. The Old Testament Lesson and the Gospel are usually chosen to complement each other.

PSALM 34: 1-10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum* George Elvey (1816-1893)

I WILL alway give | thanks un·to the | LORD; *
his praise shall | ever · be | in my | mouth.
2 My soul shall make her | boast in · the | LORD; *
the humble shall | hear there-|of and · be | glad.

3 O praise the | LORD with | me, *
and let us | magnify · his | Name to-|gether.
4 I sought the | LORD · and he | heard me; *
yea, he deliveréd | me · out of | all my | fear.

5 They had an eye unto | him · and were | lighten'd; *
and their | faces · were | not a-|sham'd.
6 Lo, the poor crieth *(*)* and the | **LORD** | heareth him; *
yea *(*)* and | saveth him · out of | all his | troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about | them that | fear him, *
---| and de-|liver·eth | them.
8 O taste, and see, how | gracious · the | LORD is: *
blesséd is the | man that | trusteth · in | him.

9 O fear the LORD | ye that · are his | saints; *
for | they that | fear him · lack | nothing.
10 The lions do lack and | suffer | hunger; *
but they who seek the LORD shall want no | manner · of | thing that · is | good.
†22 The LORD delivereth the | souls of · his | servants; *
and all they that put their | trust in · him | shall not · be | destitute.

The Psalm highlights a theme in one or both of those lessons.

At 10 AM, the choir will chant the psalm. The congregation is welcome to join if they wish.

In general, we stand to praise God, we sit to listen and be instructed, and we kneel to pray. At times, the directions in the Book of Common prayer give options, listing the Prayer Book's preference first.

SECOND LESSON — 1 John 3: 1-3

The New Testament lesson is read in a semi-contiguous pattern and does not normally interact thematically with the other lessons.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

HYMN 620 — "Jerusalem, my happy home" — *Land of Rest*

GOSPEL — Matthew 5: 1-12

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel is the most important reading of all the lessons, and is accompanied by more ceremony. It, like all the lessons, is proper to the day.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON — The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents **We present Lila and Abby to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing these persons you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents **We will, with God's help**.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these persons to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Please stand.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, as was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Lila and Abby who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Please stand as you are able.

Cantor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cantor: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant Lila, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Abby, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Lila, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**.

Celebrant Abby, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**.

ASPERGES

HYMN 516 "Come down, O love divine" *Down Ampney*

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All Stand for the Peace.
Exchange, with your Christian brothers and sisters the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, the peace that Jesus himself left to us. This is not just "good morning," and if we demote it to that, we do ourselves a disservice.
Please be seated.

Announcements (*See upcoming events on page 8*)

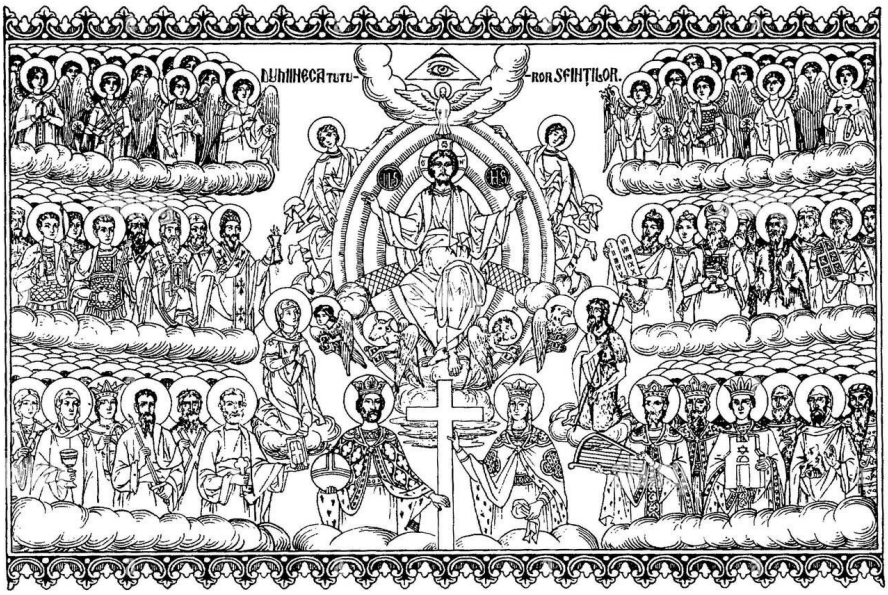
Offertory Anthem "Abide with me" arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Abide with me; Fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no doe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grace, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shines through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.
-Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)



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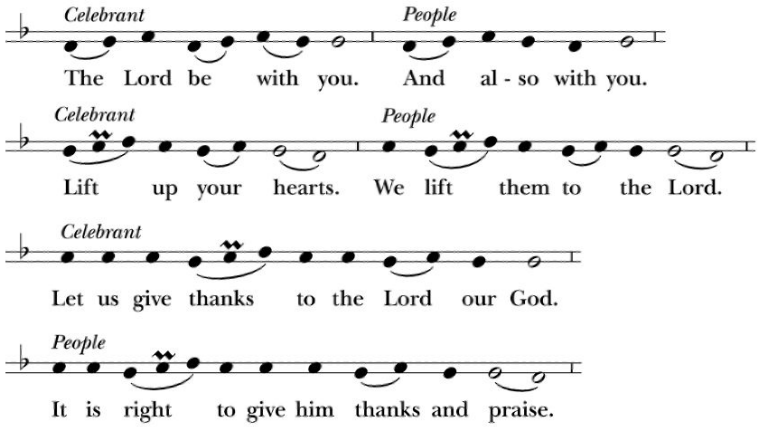
THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A — BCP 361



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing,... 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS — S-125

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.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

... 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER — BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD — BCP 364

THE FRACTION ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" — S-161

An intentional period of silence is kept as the priest breaks the bread. An appropriate devotion is to say quietly or silently the confession of St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. If you do not wish to receive wine from the chalice for any reason, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion in one kind is as communion in both.

During communion, there are healing prayer ministers stationed by the baptismal font who will confidentially listen, love and pray for those who need healing prayer, or to intercessory pray for others.

Communion Anthem

"Comfort, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant" — William Crotch (1775-1847)

Comfor, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant,
For unto Thee do I lift up my soul:

Hymn 318 "Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face" *Nyack*

Please stand.

Post-Communion 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.

Hymn 293 "I sing a song of the saints of God" *Grand Isle*

During the final verse of the hymn, the clergy and altar party will form the closing procession.

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the Deacon pronounces the dismissal.

The service is now concluded. The Acolytes will lead the Choir and the Altar Party out of the Nave. Once they have left, the Congregation may depart, though we strongly encourage you to remain for the entirety of the closing Voluntary, for which you may be seated.

Blessing & Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Procession

Voluntary

Thanks to those who are serving today:

Audio Visual: Jackson Whitley.
Cantor: Marisa Iannelli.
Greeter: Diane Robinson.
Healing: Liz Stiles.
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Shevlin.
Lectors: Michael Mahoney, George Burkhart.
Oblation Bearer: Vickie Ryan.
Thurifer: Colin Burkhart.
Usher: George Burkhart, Bill Thomas.
Verger: Russ Martin

Altar Guild: Barb Bice, Laura Vrooman.
Coffee Hosts: Liz Stiles.
Counter: Pam Holley.
Flower Guild: Pam Holley, Linda Sordan.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ongoing: Geoff B., Carol W., Larry S., Laura V., Rene C., Marty G., Sue M., Jim R., Lore A., Carrie J., Helen D., Carole C. , Aida M., Carrie C., Pat M., Diane O., Bob S., Tracy S., Pete R., Charles R., Jeanine R., Oliver Q., Michelle Q., Luis Q., Tricia S., Marcella R., Haiwen C., Brook F., Stanton C., Ricardo R., Gerry G., Barb C., Jim C., Lore A., Terry H.
Upcoming Weddings: Vinny N. and Bryce F. | **Upcoming Baptisms:** Ashlyn B., Oliver Z. | **Happening (Nov. 6-8)** Stuart Hine.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS' THIS WEEK

11/1 - Sandwich Sunday; 9:00 am; Christian Education (all ages), 9:10 am | **11/2 -** Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Staff Meeting, 9:30 am: All Souls' Fauré Requiem, 6:30 pm | **11/3** - Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; MA Meeting, 4:00 pm; STAR, 5:00 pm | **11/4 -** Men's Bible Study, Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Men's Club church cleaning, 9:00 am; STAR, 5:00 pm; Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 5:15 pm; Supper, Song, & Prayer, 6:00 pm; Compline, 6:45 pm; Adult Christian Formation, 7:00 pm | **11/5 -** Morning Prayer, 9:00 am; Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am, Zoom Happy Hour, 6:00 pm; Men's Club, 6:00 pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm | **11/7** - STAR, 10:00 am; Isaiah's Place Hot Meal Prep, 11:30 am; Al-Anon, 7:00 pm | **11/8 -**Consecration Sunday - Please bring your pledge card with you to church so that it can be blessed at the altar.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
The Rev. Karl Monroe Park, Miriam Virginia Horton Park , and
Robert Horton Park
by Mary Jane Park.

Today's sanctuary lamp is lit to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mark O. Howerton
for his birthday by his family.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf,
VI Episcopal Bishop of Southwest Florida

Clergy & Staff

The Very Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*
The Rev. David B. L. Gould, *Assistant*
The Rev. Martha E. Goodwill, *Deacon*
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Russ Martin, *Parish Administrator*
Jon Ward, *Sexton*
Haleigh McGrath, *Nursery Attendant* · Tristen Patterson, *Nursery Attendant*

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(*Class of 2027*)
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(*Class of 2028*)
Cathy Ball · Jay Hill, *Treasurer* · Greg Prescott

OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

OUR VISION

To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith and spread love out into the beloved community.