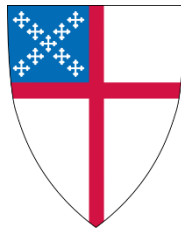


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Many parishioners arrive to church early to prepare for worship through silent prayer and reflection. This is also a time when worshipers review the week's scripture readings and notices. Please be considerate of those near you during this meditative period of our worship together.

*Please take this lesson insert home with you
to study the lessons during the week
and to keep abreast of upcoming events*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not

break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 84:1-6

Chanted by all

William Boyce



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:4-8, 16-18

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully

proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Sung by all before and after Gospel



The Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn No. 680

Communion

Anthem

Closing Hymn No. 637

Hymn No. 570

O How Amiable

St. Anne

Birabus

W. Crotch

Lyons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome **Kay Ensfield** as our guest organist.

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

TODAY:

- **30 Good Minutes** will meet today in the lounge from 11:30 to 12:00. This week we will look at the Bishop Search process.

THIS WEEK:

- **We will participate in Trunk or Treat** being held at Trinity Community Center on October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are coordinating a St Thomas contingent of cars to decorate our trunks, hand out treats, and support this worthy organization at the same time.
- **For next Sunday:** Bring photos of deceased loved ones to church as we commemorate All Saints' Sunday.
- **St. Mary's Circle will meet at a NEW TIME: 10:30** on Tuesday, October 28th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Although the final due date for articles for the next New Spirit will be December 15th,** pictures and articles from October are needed. Please send your submissions to Kathy Dingwall at kat.dingwall@outlook.com
- **We invite you to offer a donation to the work of the church.** You might donate to a special project or a ministry, or just because you want to. You may bring your donation to the office, put it in the collection plate, drop it in the mail, or donate through Realm.

A list of this week's activities is posted on the hallway bulletin board or on our website:
www.StThomasBC.org.

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

SERVING THIS WEEK

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M

Presider	The Rev. Michael Spencer
Deacon	The Rev. Trish Harris
Preacher	Laurie Atwater
Lectors	Yvette Petti, Keith Phillips
Crucifer	Charles Grantier
Intercessor	Keith Phillips
Chalice	Kyle Lendel
Altar Guild	Apollo Nickerson, Mira Wuerges
Ushers	Tom & Lori Kiess, Judy Gray
Greeter	Monica Gray
AV Tech	Karmel Addis
Vestry Liaison	Lori Kiess