

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer Rite II
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Current Diocesan and Alabama Public Health Guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks must be worn for everyone sitting outside their vehicles where a minimum distance of 6 ft. social distancing cannot be maintained.**
- **Please refrain from singing if you are sitting outside your vehicle.**

DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

H 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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 Absolution

BCP 80

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 Invitatory

BCP 81

Officiant Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God:
People *Come let us adore him.*

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm

Lay Reader

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

BCP 728

- ¹ The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- ² The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- ³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- ⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- ⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- ⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The First Reading Exodus 33:12-33

Lay Reader

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum

BCP 86

Isaiah 55:6-11

Officiant and People

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *

and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lay Reader

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of the Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Benedictus Dominus Deus

BCP 92

Officiant and People

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

O for a closer walk with God,
 a calm and heavenly frame,
 a light to shine upon the road
 that leads me to the Lamb!

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Sermon

The Reverend Linda Suzanne C. Borgen

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 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, and 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.
 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. Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Bulletin page 12

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Officiant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

(Offerings may be placed in the alms basin at the altar following our worship, mailed or given to the church office, or given securely online at www.stthomasgreenville.org)

Doxology

H 380, v 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, you heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

The People stand as they are able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Suffrages

BCP 98

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collects

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.*

For Discipleship

BCP 215

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Unity

BCP 824

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP 388

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President, Donald Trump; our Governor, Kay Ivey and our Mayor, Dexter McLendon.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us; we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list _____11 _____.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Officiant

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Closing Sentence

BCP 102

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Closing Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

H 594

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown thine ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.*

St. Thomas Prayer List
October 18, 2020

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Parishioners: Midge Bennett; Richard Boulay; Brittany Dobbs; Ceil Hamilton; Cissi Jones; Gary Mather; Rosa McGowin; Marion Norman; Kenny Parker; Boo Privett; Suzie Snow; Mickey Worthington.

Family and Friends of Parishioners: Susan Bargainer; Toni Bass; Noah Batistelli; Jill Black; Kelley Black; Ric Brown; Tony & Peggy Campolo; Anne Bailey Cates; Sarah Sewell Chapman; Deborah Crews; June Earnest; Harrison Foster; Juanita, Brian, and Susan Garrett; Dale Gates; Totsye Godwin; Butch & Cass Hamrick; Deacon Hatton; Chalice Hutchins; Charlie Jernigan; Kirk Johnson; Tamara Jones; David & Jennifer Knight; Mike Lapeyrouse; Bob Martin; Donnie & Mary Helen McGough; Cheryl McNaughton; Lucrecia Middleton; Kay Thagard Newman; Michael Owens; Hayward Parrish; Easley Jane Phelps; Anne Saint; John Sewell; Dale Simmons; Greg Smith; Edna Steen; Allen Stephenson; Christi Stewart; Hayden Tiery; Karen Troppman; Dusk Tucker; Micah Waddell; Susie Winters; those affected by COVID-19 and those working on the ongoing efforts to address it, all victims of natural disasters; and in the Diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Luke's, Marianna, and St. Christopher's, Pensacola, and for the prison ministry of the Henry County Jail, Abbeville.

*Please help us keep our prayer list current.
Call (334.382.8914) or email (office@stthomasgreenville.org)
our Parish Administrator with any updates by Wednesday of each week.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 25th: Morning Prayer Rite II 8:30 a.m.

We will continue outdoor worship through the month of October. Please see our parish website for our worship guidelines.

Small Group Study: John the Gospel of Light and Life:

We will NOT meet this week. We will resume Tuesday, October 27th.

Wednesday October 21st: ECW Bazaar items on sale for parishioners. Please see a member of the ECW for more details.

In-person Lectio Divina will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday, October 21st at 6 p.m.

The Zoom link will also remain available for those wanting to join us online. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be observed.

Sunday, November 1st: Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10 a.m.

We will have this service inside the Nave. Please stay tuned for further worship guidelines as we make this transition.

Sunday, November 1st: Time change! Please remember to set your clocks BACK 1 hour.