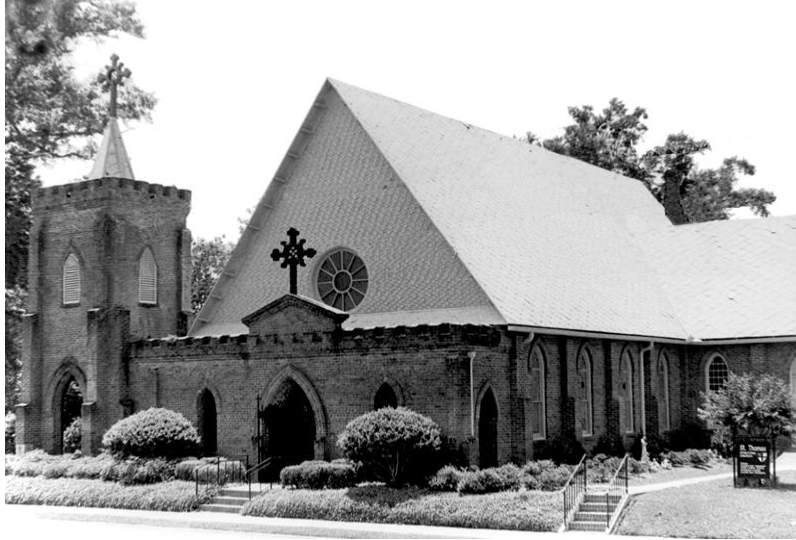


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer: Rite II

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DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer*, H – *The Hymnal 1982*
S – *Service Music in The Hymnal*, A – *Alleluia III Songbook*

Opening Hymn

Take up your cross

H 675, V 1-3

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciples be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

All say together

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 80

All Stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

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

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting

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BCP 81

People *Come let us adore him.*

The Venite

BCP 82 and S 35

Psalm 95: 1-7

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 has 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 harken to his voice!

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

BCP 738

Officiant and People

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

³ Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; *

continually seek his face.

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *

his wonders and the judgement of his mouth,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
²³ Israel came into Egypt, *
 and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
²⁴ The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
 he made them stronger than their enemies.
²⁵ Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.
²⁶ He sent Moses his servant, *
 and Aaron whom he had chosen.
⁴⁵ Hallelujah!

The Response

H 84

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

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this is my title for all generations.

People Thanks be to God.

The First Song Of Isaiah

BCP 86

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 And he will be my Savior.
 Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Continue to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far, as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Take up your cross

H 675, V 4-5

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Cemira Powell

Lay Reader

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

All say together

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

(Offerings may be mailed, given to the church office, or given securely online at www.stthomasgreenville.org)

Offertory Meditation

CMS

The Presentation

Doxology

H 380 v 3

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant 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 Suffrage B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy.
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

BCP 101

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 to who you have made. We bless you for all 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 his 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 ourselves 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

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.

Closing Sentence

BCP 102

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Refresh people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.