

**St. Thomas Reformed Church**  
*St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands*  
Founded 1660



**November 1, 2020**  
**All Saints Day**

*We Welcome One and All*  
*In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*  
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# Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

*The liturgical color today is green representing the growth and mission of the church!*

**“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”**

## Greeting and Ministry Updates

**Introit “Humble Thyself In the Sight Of the Lord”**

*Hudson*

**Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
And He shall lift you up, higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up**

## Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

**AMEN!**

We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

**We come to celebrate God’s presence among us!**

We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new Life;

**We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!**

We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

**May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!**

## Prayer

**You servants of God, your Savior proclaim  
And publish abroad that wonderful name  
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol  
Who, sovereign and glorious, now rules over all**

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud for what God has done  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim  
Still veiling their faces, they worship the Lamb**

**Then let us adore and render God's right  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might  
All honor and blessing with angels above  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Healing God, we confess that we live in unhealthy ways. When we put our own desires above the needs of others in the world, even above our own needs, forgive us Lord. When we consume more resources than we need; save up enough for ourselves into the future but fail to see the daily hunger and homelessness around us, forgive us Lord. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and help us to seek You in our daily lives, so that we might serve You in the world around us every moment, and love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into restoration, we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Song

**'Here I Am to Worship'**

*Hughes*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (*Chorus*)

**...To Hear God's Word...**

Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12

Revelation 7:9-17

Message

**"When Red Means Go!"**

## ...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

[STRCGIVING.ORG](http://STRCGIVING.ORG)

Offertory

“Sons de Carrilhões”

Pernambuco

Bonham Geller, guitar

### Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

### A Service of Holy Communion

*(You are invited to prepare your elements at home and to partake together during today's service)*

## COMMUNION LITURGY

### MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope. We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed. We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

**I was thirsty and you gave me drink.**

Here is the bread of life given for us;

**let all who hunger come and eat.**

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

**let all who thirst come and drink.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise  
at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.

Source of all life and goodness, You created heaven with all  
its hosts and the earth with all its plenty, and preserve us  
by your providence. With your whole church on earth and  
with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full  
Full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest**

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect  
sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ  
for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his  
suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the  
power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope  
for the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread  
which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us

the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

## COMMUNION

**Communion Music**    **“Endless Hallelujah”**    *Tomlin/Redman*

**When I stand before Your throne  
Dressed in glory not my own  
What a joy I'll sing of on that day  
No more tears or broken dreams  
Forgotten is the minor key  
Ev'rything as it was meant to be**

**And we will worship, worship  
Forever in Your presence we will sing  
We will worship, worship You  
An endless hallelujah to the King**

**I will see You as You are  
Love You with un-sinning heart  
See how much You paid to bring me home  
Not 'til then Lord shall I know  
Not 'til then how much I owe  
Ev'rything I am before Your throne**

No more tears no more shame  
No more sin and sorrow ever known again  
No more fears no more pain  
We will see You face to face

## THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**  
as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**  
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,  
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

*From Psalm 103, with additions*



# A Prayer for All Saints Day

## The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

**Our Father, which 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 debts  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power  
And the glory, forever  
Amen**

## Benediction

## A Season of Thanksgiving Video Montage

*\*portions of today's liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell,  
rev-o-lution.org*

### **GIVING THANKS:**

#### **Leading Worship Today:**

Ministers: All of us viewing together  
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel  
Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Broom  
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Bonham Geller  
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb

**Lectionary Scripture Readings** for this week:

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7**

**Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70;**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13**

**The Ladies Bible Study** is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

**The Men's Ministry Bible Study** also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information: 340-474-0472 or [forrestbroom@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbroom@gmail.com).

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