St. Thomas Memorial Church
Thanksgiving Day Service
The Holy Eucharist – Rite I
November 26, 2026

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

Collect for Purity
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.
People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Priest Let us pray.

Collect for Thanksgiving
Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with
springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley,
of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you
may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron
and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your
God for the good land that he has given you. 11 "Take care that you do not forget
the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes
that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses
and live in them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is
multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting
the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with
poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in
the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you
and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own
hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives
you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your
ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Priest/Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and
Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their
distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them,
he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were
made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God
with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a
Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other
nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he
said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest/Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon……The Rev. Canon James D. Shoucair

The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving
Priest and People
Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

The Confession (pg. 331 BCP)
Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Priest and People
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We

acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution and Comfortable Words

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Pg. 333 BCP)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offering of Bread and Wine

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord,
People: *And of thine own have we given Thee.*

Priest The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People *It is meet and right so to do.*
Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in

all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.
Therefor with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Celebrant and People
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues
All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
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 Breaking of the Bread (pg. 337 BCP)
Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Priest and People
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. *(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail. Gluten free Host is available upon request.) (The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people).*

Priest: Let us pray. *The People may join in in saying this prayer.*
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these

holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

Participants for this service:

First Reading: Darrell Powell
Ushers: Bill Lugar, Lawrence Miguez
Acolyte/Chalice Bearer: Richard Williams