



St. Thomas
ANGLICAN CHURCH

WELCOME

We are a vibrant, disciple-making, liturgical church that is all about the Gospel. Our vision is to build for the kingdom of God in our university town by making disciples of all ages, inviting the next generation into a mature faith, and cultivating leaders. We do this by making disciples in the beauty of holiness for the sake of the world.

Our Affiliation - Anglican Churches are connected churches. We are connected locally with a group of churches in a *diocese*, the **Anglican Diocese of the South**. Our diocese is connected with other dioceses in a *province*. And our province, the **Anglican Church in North America**, is connected with *other Anglicans all over the globe* through the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). There are about 85 million Anglican in the world. Find out more at stacathens.org.



ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Sunday service. It is a rich and historic part of the liturgy. We invite all people to participate who have been baptized and are actively seeking to follow Jesus as Lord. At each family's discretion, baptized children are welcome to partake of communion. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing, signified by crossing your arms over your chest, or you may also remain at your seat and use this as a time of reflection and meditation.

Details – Ushers will release you row by row to come forward and receive communion. You may receive the bread and then drink from the chalice or dip the bread carefully into the wine and consume the elements together. Available by request, we have gluten-free wafers. Let us know if you need one when you come forward. We can also bring communion to you at your seat. Simply let an usher know.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The People are invited to stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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The People standing, the Officiant says the Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Officiant and People pray the Collect for Purity together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

The Everlasting Love of God

How vast the everlasting love of God,
How sure and faithful as the morning.
This love so great for us could never fail -
Nor end, for it had no beginning.

How strong the Father's beating heart for us,
What mercy runs to meet the sinner.
As rivers yearn to reach the lowest place,
His grace shall flow to me for ever.

**O, the everlasting love of God,
It shall ever be my song.
So immense and free; more than life to me!
The everlasting love of God!**

How great and precious my Redeemer's blood,
How pure the passion of the Savior.
My sins are drowned beneath this mighty flood,
My soul is swept away with wonder.

How deep the measure of the Spirit's work.
Who dwells in us, Who seals the promise.
God's love through time and all eternity,
Shall stand and we shall stand upon it.
What now could separate us from it?

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Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Jesus the name above every other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you, we live for you.

**Holy there is no one like you, there is none beside you,
open up my eyes in wonder.
Show me who you are and fill me, with your heart and lead me,
In your love to those around me.**

I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

OFFICIANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And with your spirit.

OFFICIANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 4:32 – 40 (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1 – 11 (BCP) *read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
 sing praises to the honor of his Name;
 make his praise to be glorious.
- 2 **Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; *
 through the greatness of your power
 shall your enemies cower before you.**
- 3 For all the world shall worship you, *
 sing to you, and praise your Name.”
- 4 **O come and see the works of God, *
 how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot; *
therefore in him let us rejoice.
- 6 **He rules with his power for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples, *
and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 **Who holds our soul in life, *
and does not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us, as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare *
and laid trouble upon our backs.**
- 11 You allowed men to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of plenty.

At the end of the Psalm the Gloria Patri (Glory be ...) is said together.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

1 John 3:18 – 24 (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

READER The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John.

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 14:15 – 21 (ESV)

READER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Adkinson
Rector, St. Thomas Anglican Church

The People are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The Leader says

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

The Leader and People say together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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, was
incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

The People are invited to kneel (or sit) as able for prayer.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader says Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop and Bishop, and Frank, our Assisting Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese, and for our congregation, and for the upcoming selection in June of the next Archbishop for the Anglican Church in North America.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ here in the Athens area, and for the many campus ministries.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

LEADER Lord, in your mercy.

PEOPLE Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

LEADER Lord in your mercy.

PEOPLE **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Leader says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Leader and People pray 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 Celebrant says the Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.

The People are invited to stand.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and the people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Parents will leave the Sanctuary during the Peace to check their kids out from St. Thomas Kids and then return for the remainder of our worship service.

Remember that you will need your safety tag to check your child out.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish announcements are listed throughout this service bulletin. You can also visit our website, www.stacathens.org, for more information. Make sure you are signed up for our monthly e-newsletter to stay in the loop. You can fill out a communication card at the Welcome Kiosk to be added to the distribution list.

THE OFFERING

You can give by cash, by check, by text, or online. You can also have a gift mailed to us directly. Any checks should be made payable to “St. Thomas Anglican Church.” In addition to placing your gift in the offering plate, here are other ways to give:

Online Visit www.stacathens.org and click “Online Giving” to give by card or from an account.

By Text Text “Give” to 844-696-6290 to get started giving through your mobile device.

By Mail Mail a check to P.O. Box 49617 Athens, GA 30604.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” *Acts 20:35*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Song of the Three Young Men

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE

Glory to You, Lord God of our fathers,
You are worthy of praise, glory to You.
Glory to You for the radiance of Your holy Name.
We will praise You and highly exalt You forever,
Glory to You.

Glory to You, in the splendor of Your temple,
On the throne of Your majesty, glory to You.
Glory to You, seated between the Cherubim.
We will praise You and highly exalt You forever,
Glory to You.

Glory to You, beholding the depths,
In the high vault of heaven, glory to You.
Glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
We will praise You and highly exalt You forever,
Glory to You.

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HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them up to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Leader and People sing the Sanctus together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - ry!
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The People are invited to kneel (or sit) as we continue in prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant and People together pray

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.

PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then says an invitation.

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, and anthems are sung.
A Prayer Team is also available to pray for you or to pray along with you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,

And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Italian, Bianco da Siena (d. 1434). Tr: R. F. Littledale (1833-90).
Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Celebrant and People pray together

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ:
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream, Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1721

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. THOMAS YOUTH – EVERY SUNDAY AT 6 PM

The St. Thomas Youth will meet tonight at the Parish House (395 S Church St.) from 6pm - 8pm! During the Easter Season, our youth are studying the Parables of Jesus. Pizza and dessert will be provided. All youth from 6th to 12th grade are welcome! If you have a youth that would like to get connected, or if you would like more information, please reach out to Fr. Bill Stanford - bill@stacathens.org

MORNING PRAYER – EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8 AM

St. Thomas Parish House - 395 S. Church Street Athens, GA 30605

For the last 500 years, the regular rhythm of Morning and Evening Prayer, known as the Daily Office, has defined Anglican Spirituality. We meet as a group at the Parish House for Morning Prayer according to the ACNA's Book of Common Prayer each Wednesday.

Resources – Visit www.stacathens.org/bcp for more information about using the Daily Office and online links.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Summers at St. Thomas are always a time for connection, fellowship, and community. It is more important than ever for us to get to know one another since we have made a big transition this Spring and combined into one worship service! Summer in Athens provides the perfect opportunity for this type of engagement.

We will have several church-wide opportunities to facilitate this kind of fellowship over meals including Dinners for 9 and Sunday Lunches. We are also planning fellowship events for folks in some specific seasons of life. You can read more about these opportunities and sign up at www.stacathens.org/summer.

NEXT STEPS FOR GUESTS

VISIT THE WELCOME KIOSK

We would love to meet you! Consider visiting the welcome kiosk this morning so we can follow up with you. You can fill out a contact card and sign up for upcoming events.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

We have also set up a page through our website, stacathens.org/sync to connect you to our staff team and community through our various newsletters, apps, and channels.

Here, you will find general information with links to resources on the Book of Common Prayer, Podcasts, and Online Giving. Note that you have to enter the URL directly for www.stacathens.org/sync.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Our team would love to meet you and personally answer any questions you have as you explore St. Thomas. Our contact information is on the back of the bulletin. All of our clergy are available to connect.

ST. THOMAS 101

Several times each year we have St. Thomas 101 as a class to learn more about St. Thomas and explore membership. **The next opportunity for St. Thomas 101 will be next Sunday, May 5th.** We will have lunch at the Parish House at Noon following our service. Please see the sign-up sheet at the welcome kiosk or sign up on our website to reserve a spot. Feel free to reach out to Deacon Tex with any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be sent to prayer@stacathens.org. Our clergy and staff team prayers for these needs together each week during Morning Prayer. Let us know if the request needs to be kept confidential or can be shared with our team.



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If you have a Pastoral Care need,
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and a member of our clergy will be available.

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