

Welcome to
ST. THOMAS
Episcopal
CHURCH



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please use the following order of service to find your place in the Book of Common Prayer located in the pew racks in front of you. The blue Hymnal 1982 and supplemental hymnals, Wonder Love and Praise and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, contain hymns.

If you are new to our community, please fill out a welcome card, found in the pew racks, and place it in the collection plate during the offering.

HOLY EUCHARIST - 10:00 a.m.

Voluntary

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save

me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head **
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, **
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon **
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:*
life for evermore.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

A reading from Second Corinthians

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished,

and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4: 35-41

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed BCP 326

Prayers of the People BCP 328

Confession of Sin BCP 332

The presider introduces the Offertory. The bread and wine for communion are brought forward. After the collection, the gifts of the people are presented at the altar.

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 333

Sanctus BCP 334

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 336

Fraction BCP 337

All are welcome at the altar. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing carrying this Order of Service to the altar with you. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is normally reserved for baptized Christians of any denomination. For more information about baptism, please speak to the clergy.

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing BCP 333

Dismissal BCP 340

Voluntary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth and Raymond Neumeyer by Elizabeth Neumeyer.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Additional health precautions are in place including a visitor log and temperature checks for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Pub Night will be held on Friday, June 25th in the parking lot at 6pm. Cost is \$10 per person.

Save the Date! St Thomas Kayak trip and parish picnic will take place on Saturday, September 11th. Online registration will open on June 27th. Kayak rental will be \$25.00 per boat. Stay tuned for more details.

We Need Ushers! Please see Roy Hillman or call him at 269-967-0463.

Daily Prayer: Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Services are livestreamed to St. Thomas Facebook Page, YouTube channel, and website. To join as a participant, use the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81777924624?pwd=cGtCNkRTcVFYbVQ2ZUF5azl6ZUVnZz09>

We Need Flower Sponsors. Please consider making a donation (\$50.00) using the envelopes provided in the parish office. Flowers are generally given as memorials or thank-offerings.

Reminders THIS WEEK:

Today	Evensong 5 pm
Tuesday	Staff Meeting 10:30am
Wednesday	Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thursday	Vestry Meeting 6pm
Friday	

Next Sunday's Lessons: 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the sheet posted in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

SERVING THIS WEEK

10:00

Presider:	Fr. Brian Coleman
Subdeacon:	Mark Olmstead
Lector:	Sue Shafe
Usher:	Roy Hillman
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts, Noreen Sidnam & Sunny Nickerson
Vestry Liaison:	Sue Shafe
AV Technician:	Kathy Dingwall

Evensong

Lector:	Keith Phillips
AV Technician:	John Moore