

Welcome to

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Opening Voluntary: Prelude on a Shaker Hymn Tune (Simple Gifts), James Southbridge

The service begins with the musical prelude. Then the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 8:4-11,16-20

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138: 1-9

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 621: Light's Abode, Celestial Salem

Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praise which of thee the prophets sing!

There forever and forever alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapor dims the brightness of the air;
endless noonday, glorious noonday, from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labor, for unknown are toil and care.

Now with gladness, now with courage, bear the burden on thee laid,
that here-after these thy labors may with endless gifts be paid,
and in everlasting glory thou with brightness be arrayed.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd

was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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**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 worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the people respond

Lord, in your mercy, *or* God of love and mercy, *or* We pray to you, O Lord
Hear our prayer. **Hear our prayer.** **Lord have mercy.**

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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 our Savior 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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Celebrant introduces the Offertory. The bread and wine for communion are set upon the altar.

Anthem: The Best of Rooms, Robert Lehman

Offerings may be made by texting "StThomasBC" to 73256. You can also click or paste this link into your internet browser's search field: <https://onrealm.org/stthomasbc/give/now>, or go to our website www.StThomasBC.org and click the green "Contribute Now" button at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your generosity.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Here the Proper Preface is said. Then all join in the Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through the holy sacrifice of Jesus; and remembering the events of the Last Supper, prays that the gifts of bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant prays that all may benefit from Christ's holy sacrifice and be renewed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

At the end of the prayer the people respond

Amen.

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

**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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebrant says the invitation to communion. The prayer for those unable to receive communion is said. The reserved sacrament is available on the altar in the chapel for those who would like to receive communion after having participated in the livestream worship.

After communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn 594: God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

The Vestry Liaison gives the announcements.

The Celebrant prays for God's blessing on the people and then dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in D, David N. Johnson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders THIS WEEK:

TODAY	Outdoor Worship, 10:30 am Evensong, 5 pm Livestream only
Friday	Feast of St. Barnabas
Saturday	Breakfast Program

Parish office hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additional health precautions are in place including a visitor log and temperature checks for all staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Fr. Brian will be on vacation until June 17.

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.

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>

The Summer Breakfast Program resumes the week of June 14-18, and St. Thomas has the first week. We need 3 volunteers at 7:00 am and an additional 3-4 volunteers at 8:00 am. The breakfast continues to be a “to-go” service. Please sign up to serve on the sheet outside the parish office or call during office hours to have your name added.

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.

June 20th is Graduation Sunday. We will celebrate all those who are graduating from high school or college. Contact the office or Fr. Brian with details.

Next Sunday's Lessons: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

Serving this Week

Presider:	Fr. Mark Engle
Preacher:	Keith Phillips
Subdeacon:	Doug Chapel
Organist:	Dr. Stephen White
Choir:	The Choral Scholars
Lector:	Sharon Engle
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts
Vestry Liaison:	Michele Reid
A/V Technician:	Yvette Petti