



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2024, Proper 18

8 am & 10 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in your pew racks, the Hymnal 1982 is the blue book, "S" numbers (for service music) appear in the beginning of the Hymnal 1982.

Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green book. Music is from Hymnal 1982 unless otherwise noted.

* Indicates 10 am service only.

VOLUNTARY	"Variations I & II on 'Kum Ba Yah'"	John A. Behnke (b. 1953)
*HYMN 376	"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"	Hymn to Joy
THE COLLECT OF PURITY		BCP 355
THE GLORIA		BCP 356 / *S-277
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY		BCP 233
THE FIRST LESSON		Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM 146 (*Lauda, Anima mea*)

BCP 803



Tune: T. Norris

- 1 PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: while I live, will I | praise the | LORD; *
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing | praises | unto • my | God.
- 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any | child of | man; *
for there | is no | help in | them.
- 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn a | gain to • his | earth, *
and then | all his | thoughts | perish.
- 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of | Jacob • for his | help, *
and whose | hope is • in the | LORD his | God:
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | therein | is; *

who | keepeth his | promise for ever;
6 Who helpeth them to right that | suffer | wrong; *
who | feed- | eth the | hungry.



7 The LORD looseth | men • out of | prison; *
the LORD | giveth | sight • to the | blind.

8 The LORD helpeth | them that • are | fallen; *
the LORD | careth | for the | righteous.

9 The LORD careth for the strangers; he defendeth the | fatherless • and | widow: *
as for the way of the ungodly, he | turneth • it | upside | down.

10 The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be | King for • ever | more, *
and throughout | all- | gene | rations.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2: 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

*HYMN 477

"All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

Engelberg

GOSPEL

Mark 7: 24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Whitley

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively

God calls us today to be open to the word and to one another. Let us open ourselves to all the world in prayer, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the church we pray. That we may bring God's word of life to all in silence, darkness, and despair, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our congregation we pray. That we may grow into the mystery of God's life among and in us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our community we pray. That hospitals and nursing homes may be equipped to deal with our sick and dying, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all healing professionals we pray. That those who search for cures and those who attend the sick may be strengthened for their tasks, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the just and right use of creation. That all who work to nurture, preserve, grow and tend God's creation, especially for Benison Farm and those who labor there, may be good stewards of the gifts God has provided, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and dying we pray. That all who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name _____, may know the healing power of God, and that those who die today may not die alone, especially remembering _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all mourners we pray. That all who grieve the coming of death may come to know life in the mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant

Into your mercy, O God, we commend all the needy world, trusting in your almighty power, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Dear Lord and Father"

C. Hubert H. Parry

*HYMN 380, [v. 3 only]		<i>Old 100th</i>
THE HOLY COMMUNION, EUCHARIST PRAYER A		BCP 361
SANCTUS		*S-130
LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 364
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		BCP 364
FRACTION	"Agnus Dei"	*S-164
COMMUNION		
*HYMN 412	"Sweet hour of prayer"	<i>William Bradbury</i>
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER / BLESSING		BCP 365/366
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS		
*HYMN 412 [vv. 1,2,5,6]	"Earth and all stars"	<i>Earth and All Stars</i>
DISMISSAL		BCP 366
*VOLUNTARY	"Variation III on 'Kum Ba Yah'"	<i>John A. Behnke</i>

Prayer List: Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, John, Don, Barbara, Ethan, Michael, Chris, Carrie, Yvonne, Jo, Terry, Julia, John, Christine, Russ, Laurie Lowe and family.

Thanks to those who are serving today: **Acolytes:** Luke Evanoff, Jace Viera, Caroline Whitley. **Altar Guild:** Joanna Ritch, Laura Vrooman. **Camera Operator/Digital Commentary:** Joy Howerton, Russ Martin. **Coffee Hosts:** Charlotte and Don Higgins. **Flower Guild:** Caron Burges, Laura Vrooman. **Healing:** Kay Mahoney. **Lay Eucharistic Minister 10am:** Tom Shevlin. **Lector 8am:** Beverly Littlejohn. **Lectors 10am:** Beth Gould, Lloyd Chapin. **Nursery:** Angel Bickert, Joan Groendal-Patterson. **Oblations:** Steve and Susan McMullen. **Prayers of the People 8am:** Beverly Littlejohn. **Prayers of the People 10am:** Liz Stiles. **Ushers:** Bill Thomas, Dick Nelson.

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