

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 14

August 7, 2022

10:00 am - Rite II

*Welcome to St. Thomas'!*

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*We come together as the new week dawns to worship God, meet in fellowship,  
and gather strength and hope for our work in the world.*

*For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks,  
the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book.*

**Prelude** "In Faith I Quiet Wait" J. S. Bach

**The Entrance Hymn** "Earth and All Stars" *EARTH AND ALL STARS*  
**Blue Hymnal 412**

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

*The Celebrant and People together say*

**The Collect for Purity**

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise** "A Song of Praise" John Rutter  
**Blue Hymnal S236**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we,  
who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.*

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

### Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24

**Refrain**

Let the giv - ing of thanks be our sac - ri - fice to God.

All            Bm            C            Am7            Bm            Em

Let the giv - ing of thanks be our sac - ri - fice to God.

God the Lord has spoken; \*  
God has summoned all the earth from  
the sun at rising to its setting in the West.

[Refrain]

God shines out from Zion, the place of perfect beauty. \*  
 God reveals himself in glory.  
 God, our God is coming and refuses to keep silent.  
 [Refrain]  
 Fire consumes before him and a storm is raging all around  
 Heavens and earth he summons \*  
 to the judging of his people.  
 [Refrain]  
 Call to me, my people, \*  
 when the hour of trouble strikes  
 I shall come to help you that you may ever praise me.  
 [Refrain]  
 Those who give me honor,  
 Whose sacrifice is thanksgiving,  
 Those who walk behind me shall see my great salvation.  
 [Refrain]

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews**

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**The Gospel Hymn  
Blue Hymnal 68**

*"Rejoice! Rejoice Believers"*

*LLANGLOFFAN*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ryan Whitley

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel.*

We have been taught to pray by the Lord. So with one voice we ask for us all, saying:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face the promise of life with the courage you give, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face the evil of life with the goodness you give, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our sick with your unfailing tenderness, especially Mark, Kevin, Thomas, Dona, Patti, Willie, Diana, Michael, Kathy, Kim, Chris, Julie, Geoff, Bill, Tonia, Christie, Mike, Sharon Joanne, Rene, Sophia, Sharon, Dan, Ed, Teddy, Tara, Lee, Anne, and those we now name, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face the death of life with the love you give, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face a life in ministry we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Doug, our Bishop Coadjutor-Elect; Ryan, our Priest; Anne, our Curate; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain; and the Lambeth Conference, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our aged with your unfailing mind, we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our young with your unfailing heart, we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our poor with your unfailing hand, we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face all war with loathing, as you do, we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face all peace with longing, as you do, we pray to you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

It is your way with life that we want, O Lord, that we ask of you. It is a joy to live by you. May those who do not know this find it out through your presence to their world. We pray in Jesus name. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*Please kneel.*

Deacon        Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

All            **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.**

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

### **The Peace**

*All stand.*

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



**Antiphon** Teach us, O Lord, where wisdom is to be found, and show us the place of understanding.

**Celebrant** Seek the Lord your God and you will find God.  
**People** Search for God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul.

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

God of light and Wisdom, thank you for giving us minds that can know and hearts that can love. Help us to keep learning every day of our lives – no matter what the subject may be. Let us be convinced that all knowledge leads to you and let us know how to find you and love you in all the things you have made. Encourage us when our studies are difficult and when we are tempted to give up. Enlighten us when our brains are slow and help us to grasp the truth held out to us. Grant us the grace to put our knowledge to use in building up the kingdom of God on earth that we may enter the kingdom in heaven. **Amen.**

Now † bless these backpacks, O Lord, that they may become instruments for our children’s learning and symbols of the gift of joy and wonder in all your works, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Take these backpacks and go into God’s world of learning, giving thanks in the Spirit for the gift of knowledge. Give care and respect to all teachers. Treat every classmate as your friend. Rejoice that our loving God looks over you always. Yes, even during homework.

Lord, we ask you to bless our teachers. May schools be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Bless the parents as they support their children’s learning at home. Bless all those who keep schools running smoothly. We pray for a safe and healthy school year.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*To sustain us until he comes for the final time  
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him*

**Offertory Music**  
Summer Choir

“Bread of the World”

arr., Alan Bullard

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life are spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be your feast to us the token  
That by grace our souls are fed. [Reginald Heber]*

*Please stand*

**The Presentation Hymn**  
Blue Hymnal 380, v3

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,*

**The Great Thanksgiving †**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sanctus**  
Green Hymnal 858

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

WLP, 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

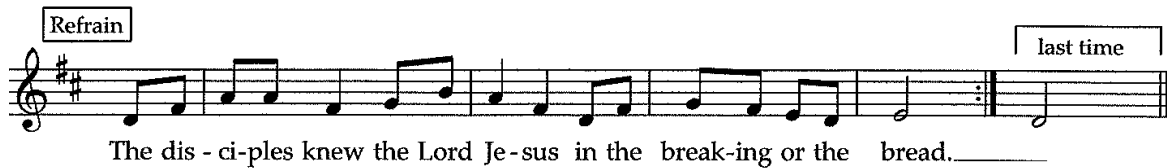
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Fraction Anthem Green Hymnal 87

"The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus"

WLP, 877



The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing or the bread.\_\_\_\_\_

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you desire a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*As part of our life together at St. Thomas Church, we continue a ministry practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ – the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. If you wish additional prayer for any reason, please gather around the Baptismal font after you receive Holy Communion. We welcome you to participate in this life-enriching ministry.*

## Communion Music

Organ Improvisation

## The Post-communion Prayer

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*Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

*We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.*

### The Blessing

*Please stand*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Processional Hymn Blue Hymnal 636

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

### The Dismissal

Deacon            Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

"Allegro" in e minor

Johann C. H. Rinck

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Clark Robinson and Bill Tillett by the Robinson family*

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 am

### WEDNESDAY CHAPEL EUCHARIST

Wednesday, 5:15 pm

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Thursday, Chapel 9:00 am

### OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

### OUR VISION

To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith  
and spread love out into the beloved community.

## **Community Announcements**

### **FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

### **VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR**

This will be a standing weekly event on Thursdays from 6 - 7:15 pm

### **EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE**

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

### **SUPPER AND PRAYER**

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

### **HEADS, FACES & SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER**

The art exhibition in our main worship space is "Heads, Faces, and Spiritual Encounter." The works are part of the Edward and Diane Knippers Collection on loan to us through September from Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). Please mark your calendars for 7 p.m. Friday, August 26, when we'll host an opening reception for parishioners and the general public. We have ordered additional catalogs that will be available for \$5 each. Until then, please use those at the rear of the church and return them to the basket after you have experienced the art.

### **ST. THOMAS' ANNUAL HIGH TEA**

Sign up for the St. Thomas' Annual High Tea on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Wear a hat and bring a \$10 donation to benefit Benison Farm.

### **ORDINATION**

Dcn. Anne Hartley's ordination to the priesthood will be on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 7PM at St. Thomas'. Please pray for her as she prepares. Ordination is a sacramental rite of the church by which God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by deacons, priests, and bishops. The service will be livestreamed. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

After the service during coffee hour, bring your coffee to the Founder's Room where we will start making plans for St. Thomas' families this year. If you're interested in teaching, chaperoning or getting involved in some other way and can't come today, reach out to Dcn. Anne at 954-253-4414.

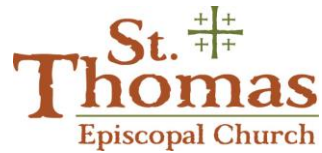
Saturday, August 13, 3:30-6:30PM—Saturday Afternoon at the Movies presents C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe in the Parish Hall. Pizza dinner will be served. All are welcome. Invite friends!

Sunday, Oct. 2, St. Thomas' Blessing of the Pets service (10:00) and Animal Fair (11:30-1:00). Watch for details on this event in The Draft. To sign up, email Grace at [graces@stthomasstpete.org](mailto:graces@stthomasstpete.org).

Sunday, Oct. 9, 16, 23 - Confirmation classes begin for anyone 12 years or older. Four are signed up so far. Confirmation will take place on All Saint's Day, Nov. 6.

Wednesday, October 26 - Trunk or Treat at St. Thomas'

Saturday, Oct. 29 - Halloween lock-in.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

**Thanks to those who are helping today ...**

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart, Hannah Wetmore  
Altar Guild: Nancy Horner, Anne Elstun  
Camera Operator: Everette Jennings  
Coffee Host: Liz Stiles  
Flower Guild: Pam Holley  
Healing: Liz Stiles  
Lectors 10am: Angie Ford, Lloyd Chapin  
LEM: Trish Thomas  
Musicians: Summer Choir  
Oblations: Michelle Jennings, Everette Jennings  
Prayers of the People: Bill Thomas  
Ushers: George Burkhart, Bill Thomas

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The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon  
The Rev. Hayden Crawford, Assisting Clergy  
Rick Smith, Director of Music  
Joe Master, Organist and Director of Finance  
Grace Smith, Director of Communications  
Jon Ward, Sexton

**Vestry Members**

Class of 2022

Tom Shevlin  
Jay Hill, *Treasurer*  
Russ Martin

Class of 2023

Russ Ball, *Secretary*  
Michelle Jennings, Jr. *Warden*  
Ann Leavine

Class of 2024

Bill Barns  
Pam Holley  
Mary Jane Park, *Sr. Warden*