

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 10

July 10, 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 Choral Prelude on "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" Dietrich Buxtehude
The Entrance Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*
Blue Hymnal 390

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 (*Spoken*) Canticle 13 "A Song of Praise" BCP p. 90

**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 for ever.**

**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 for ever.**

**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 for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Book of Amos

Amos 7: 7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac. 'Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

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

Psalm 82 (*All pray together*)

- 1 God arises in the council of heaven; *
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any leader.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

Colossians 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

The Sermon

Canon Richard Norman

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Many people's needs press upon our daily lives and fill our daily news. They we may respond as neighbors, let us ask the Lord for help, saying Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to strangers, to people of every land and tongue and culture. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to people of every creed, to Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, Buddhists and atheists, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to the enemy, the alien, the despised, those with whom we disagree. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and Ken, our Mayor, Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help those who have died, especially _____, that they may now know fully even as they are fully known and resting this day in peace and rising in glory. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to all who suffer, the lonely, the sick and the sorrowing, especially for Mark, Kevin, Thomas, Dona, Patti, Willie, Diana, Michael, Kathy, Kim, Chris, Howard, Marcia, Julie, Geoff, Bill, Tonia, Christie, Mike, Sharon Joanne, Rene, Sophia, Sharon, Dan, and those we now name. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to everyone we pass on the road, to salespeople, co-workers, family and passers-by. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to be neighbors to one another, and thus to share our lives as we share your word and your supper. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Lord God, you formed us in love; you command us to live in your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Please kneel.

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

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.

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

Gayle Fisher, soloist

“Be Thou My Vision”

Bob Chilcott

Please stand

The Presentation Hymn Blue Hymnal 380, v3

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100TH

*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 and Benedictus (Spoken)

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**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.**

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.**

All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you desire a blessing instead, 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.

Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

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

NURSERY REFRESH

St. Thomas' has undertaken a refresh of our nursery. The goal is a nursery that is clean, safe, and welcoming to families with young children. We appreciate the many donations made to the nursery in the past but with a renewed emphasis on cleanliness these last 2 years, we made a significant purge of the nursery contents. We will now undertake a deep clean and will be acquiring new toys and equipment with a view to items which are shareable, engaging, and easily sanitized. A couple of moms of young children in our congregation and the former director of education at Great Explorations Childrens' Museum prepared our wish list. Please consider making a donation to this refresh of the nursery by purchasing one or more items on our Amazon Wish List. (And when you do, shop at smile.amazon.com and choose St Thomas as your charity of choice. St Thomas will benefit from that too!). Thank you so much for whatever you can give! A link to the wish list is in the Draft!

SUMMER CHOIR ON BREAK

Come join the choir for summer July 31 - August 21

Contact Rick Smith at ricks@stthomasstpete.org, rlynns5966@gmail.com and/or 727-641-6903.

Contact Grace Smith in the church office graces@stthomasstpete.org

VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever considered serving the church on a Sunday morning? We have several ways you can help just by participating during the service. We need volunteers to bring the Oblations forward on the first and third Sunday of the month. We always need Ushers, readers, and acolytes. If you are interested, please contact Grace in the office 727-896-9641 or graces@stthomasstpete.org.

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.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

Altar Assistance: Colin Burkhart, Hannah Wetmore

Altar Guild: Barb Bice, Pat Bernfeld

Camera Operator: Joy Howerton

Coffee Host: Liz Stiles

Flower Guild: Teri Coryell

Healing: Kay Mahoney

Lector 10am: Joe DiOrio, Mark Howerton

Musicians: Fr. Randy Hehr, Gayle Fisher

Oblations: Steve and Susan McMullen

Prayers of the People: Louise Chapin

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The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon

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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*