

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 5

June 11, 2023

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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Hermann Schroeder

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 Canticle 13 "A Song of Praise"
Blue Hymnal S-236

The Collect of the Day

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

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 Hosea Hosea 5: 15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my
face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn,

and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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

Psalm 50: 7-15

7. Hear, O my people,
and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness a- gainst you; for I am God, your God.

8. I do not accuse you be- cause of your sacrifices; your offerings are always be - fore me.

9. I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;

10. For all the beasts of the forest are mine, the herds in their thousands up - on the hills.

11. I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

2. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13. Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks-giving and make good your vows to the Most High.

15. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

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

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.

Let us pray that God pour out on us a spirit of grace and petition, as on Jerusalem of old, and hear us as we pray, saying: We stand in need, O God;
Lord, have mercy.

That the law of faith which guides us be our standard in judging the laws of land and church and culture, and that our lives be conformed to the faithful love of Christ. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Ron our Governor, Ken our Mayor, and all those in civic authority. We stand in need, O God:
Lord, have mercy.

That parishioners weakened through illness of mind or body feel your protective hand and our tangible care, today we pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we now name. We stand in need, O God:
Lord, have mercy.

That we who call Christ messiah especially we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our Priest; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain; be empowered to carry the cross of insult as we work for freedom in the developing world. We stand in need, O God:

Lord, have mercy.

That the paths we walk be wide enough for all peoples, for the homeless, for aliens in flight, for prisoners, for persons of all colors, for all who are ostracized, for those dying of incurable disease, for all who in Christ you call your own. We stand in need, O God:

Lord, have mercy.

O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. We stand in need, O God:

Lord, have mercy.

For 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. We stand in need, O God

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

God, our mother and father, deepen our trust in you. Watch over us day and night, and protect us from harm's way. Let us guard one another, that none may be excluded from our circle, embraced in 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*

The Offertory Anthem

“Day by Day”

Martin How

Summer Choir

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see the more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. [Richard of Chichester]*

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,*

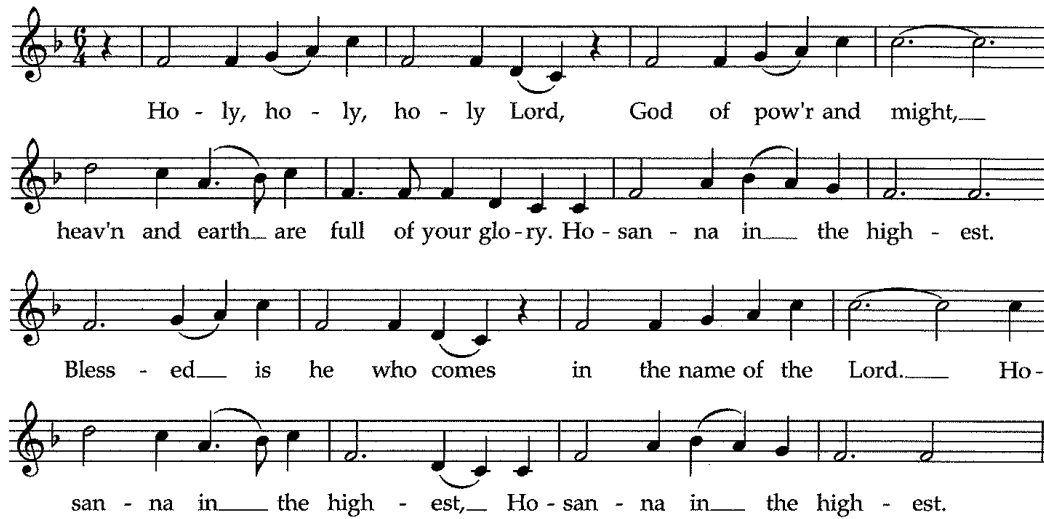
The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus
Green Hymnal 858

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.

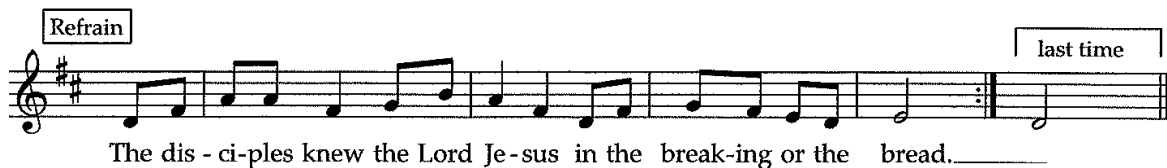
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus”

Green Hymnal 877

WLP, 877



Refrain last time
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 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.

Communion Hymn
Blue Hymnal 712

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

DONA NOBIS PACEM

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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn Green Hymnal 782

“Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

From “Little Preludes and Intermezzi, No. 1”

Hermann Schroeder

Cover Art: Encounter between Jesus and the hemorrhaging woman, Painted by Daniel Cariola, Oil on canvas, Executed in 1998.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Marsha, Mari, Madison, Ed, Yvonne, Christie, Howard, Ann, Jean, Jan, Brooke, Greg, Deborah, Kathy, Tina, Tony, Pat, David, Janet, Kim, Joe, Dorothy, Billy, Toni, Brenda, Marissa, Katrina, Amelia, Charlie, John, Jane, Logan, and Leah.

SUMMER CHOIR

Come join the choir for summer: here is the *Summer Choir* schedule:

Sundays with Summer Choir, (First Session) = 6/18, and 6/25

Sundays with Summer Choir, (Second Session) = 7/30 through 8/20

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 fifth Sunday of the month. We always need Ushers, Camera Operators, and Lectors, 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

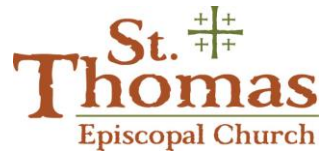
Monday - Thursday, Chapel 9:00 am

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 ...

Acolyte: David Gould, Joni James, Luke
Evanoff
Altar Guild: Susan McMullen, Joanna Ritch
Camera Operator: Everett Jennings
Coffee Host: Liz Stiles
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Howerton, Dudley
Savage
Flower Guild: Marilyn Lanctot
Healing: Kay Mahoney
Lector 10am: Lloyd Chapin, Jack Day
Musicians: Summer Choir
Oblations: Susan and Steve McMullen
Prayers of the People: Mark Howerton
Ushers: Tom Shevlin, Dick Nelson

The Rev. Anne Hartley, Curate
The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon
Rick Smith, Director of Music
The Rev. Randy Hehr, Interim Organist
Joe Master, Director of Finance
Grace Smith, Director of Communications
Jon Ward, Sexton

Vestry Members

Class of 2023

Russ Ball
Michelle Jennings
Ann Leavine, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Mary Clark
Lee Coryell, *Jr. Warden*
Wade Hamby

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