

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 7

June 19, 2022

10:00 am - Rite II



## 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 First Book of Kings

1 Kings 19: 1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

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

Psalm 42 and 43

**Refrain**

*Cantor:* *All:*

Cantor  
Soprano  
Alto  
Congre-  
gation  
Tenor  
Bass

O why are you cast down, my soul? Wait for the Lord.

Wait for the Lord.

O why such grief, my in-most heart? Wait for the Lord.

Wait for the Lord.

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As the deer longs for the running streams, so longs my soul for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When will I enter the presence of God? Tears are my food day and night. My enemies ask, "Where is your God?" I cry my heart out when I remember entering the house of God.

I think of the joy on hearing the shouts of thanks. God, why have you forsaken me? Why do I mourn from the oppression of my enemies? Nearly breaking my heart, they insult me. All day long they ask me, "Where is your God?" **Refrain**

Defend me, O God, and plead my cause against the hateful; from the cunning and deceitful ones rescue me. You are my God. You are my shelter. Why have you forsaken me? Why must I walk so mournfully, oppressed by my enemies.

Send your light and your truth that they may lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill, the place where you live, and go there to the altar of God. O God, my highest joy, there I praise you with the harp, O Lord, my God? **Refrain**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

**The Gospel Hymn**  
**Green Hymnal 773**

*"Heal Me Hands of Jesus"*

*SHARPE*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

Luke 8: 26-39

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Richard Norman

**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 Mark, Kevin, Thomas, Dona, Patti, Willie, Diana, Michael, Kathy, Kim, Chris, Howard, Marcia, Julie, Geoff, Bill, Tonia, Christie, Mike, Sharon Joanne, Rene, Sophia, Dan, Sharon, 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; Dabney, our Bishop; Doug, our Bishop Coadjutor-Elect; Ryan, our Priest; Anne, our Curate; 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.**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. 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**

"Alleluia"

William Boyce arr., Alan Bullard

Summer Choir

*Please stand*

**The Presentation Hymn** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
**Blue Hymnal 380, v3**

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*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 †

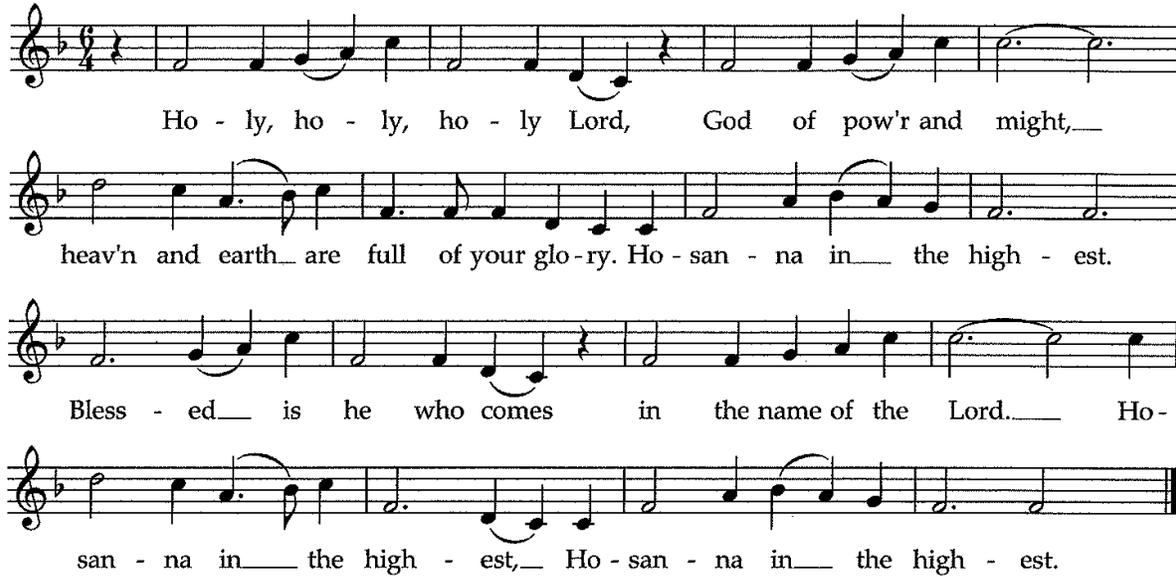
Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

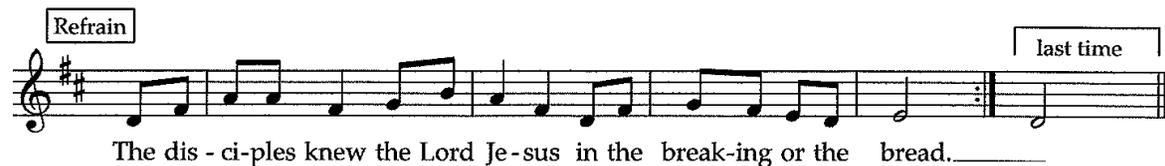
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus”

Green Hymnal 877

WLP, 877



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.*

**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  
Blue Hymnal 493**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

**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 Vivo”

Louis Raffy

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Dziura and Joseph Bernfeld by Dave and Pat Bernfeld.*

## **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**

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

Sundays with Summer Choir, (Second Session) = 7/31 through 8/21

Contact Rick Smith at [ricks@stthomasstpete.org](mailto:ricks@stthomasstpete.org) , [rlynns5966@gmail.com](mailto:rlynns5966@gmail.com) and/or 727-641-6903 Contact Grace Smith in the church office [graces@stthomasstpete.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 ...**

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Savage  
Altar Guild: Susan McMullen  
Camera Operator: Matthew White  
Coffee Host: Ellen Burkhart  
Flower Guild: Marilyn Lancot, Laura Vrooman  
Healing: Anne Elstun  
Lector 10am: Lloyd Chapin, Jack Day  
Musicians: Summer Choir  
Oblations: George and Ellen Burkhart  
Prayers of the People: Grace Smith  
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