

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 8

June 26, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Salvation Unto Us Has Come"	anonymous, 18 <sup>th</sup> cent.
<b>The Entrance Hymn</b> <b>Blue Hymnal 518</b>	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"	WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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" 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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 Second Book of Kings

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

**Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20** (*Spoken*)

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; \*  
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*  
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;  
I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, \*  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts \*  
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; \*  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders \*  
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, \*  
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock \*  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

**The Gospel Hymn**  
**Blue Hymnal 550**

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

RESTORATION

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

Luke 9: 51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ev Walk

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel.*

The God who yearns for us calls us to come as a people. Let us not turn away, but rather go to this God with our needs, saying: Forget us not, O holy One,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For the fearless ones who uphold human rights in every land of oppression We pray especially for Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken, our Mayor; and all who live where liberty is held hostage in the names of law and order. Forget us not, O holy One,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer 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, Sharon, Dan, and those we now name. Forget us not, O holy One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For people in this community in the grip of addiction, and for all who need release from what enslaves. Forget us not, O holy One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For patience with those who incite to war, and for the wisdom to move into the reign of God's unending peace Forget us not, O holy One,

**Hear our prayer.**

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. Forget us not, O holy One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, as we serve the sisters and brothers among us and as we work outside the church doors. Forget us not, O holy One,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

God of light and life, strip us of selfishness and the loneliness it brings. Help us to accept the gift of mutual love, with its shared pleasures and pain. Tear down all our fences that we can run to you as one family, one people, through 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**  
Carole Igney, Flute

“Andante Grazioso”

Gaston Dethier, arr. Callahan

*Please stand*

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

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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 and Benedictus**

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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.*

**Communion Music**  
Carole Igney, Flute

“Legende”

Louis Vierne, arr. Callahan

**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 655**

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

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**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

“Fugue” from Sonata VI

Mendelssohn

*Cover art: Elijah Went Up by a Whirlwind into Heaven, 1985 Oil and gold leaf on plywood – Artist Shlomo Katz*

## **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: 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 ...**

Altar Assistance: Colin Burkhart, Hannah Wetmore  
Altar Guild: Nancy Horner, Laura Vrooman  
Camera Operator: Molly Goodwill  
Coffee Host: Laura Reitan  
Chalice Bearer: Dee McMahon  
Flower Guild: Teri Coryell  
Healing: Nancy Day  
Lector 10am: Mary Ellen Shevlin, Kanika Tomalin  
Musicians: Mark Prater, Carole Igney  
Oblations: Jim and Anne Elstun  
Prayers of the People: Jaime Elstun  
Ushers: Chris Finch, Tom Brady

The Rev. Anne Hartley, Curate  
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

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