

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19

September 17, 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

Stuart Hine, Piano

"La Valse D'Amelie"

Yann Tiersen

The Entrance Hymn
Blue Hymnal 390

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

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
Green Hymnal 900

"Glory to God"

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may
in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Genesis

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103: 8-13

Plainsong



8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of / great kindness.

9 The Lord will not always ac / cuse us, *
nor remain angry / for ever.

10 The Lord has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us according to / our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high a / bove the earth, *
so is the Lord's mercy great upon the / God-fearing.

12 As far as the east is from the / west, *
so far has the Lord removed / our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the LORD care for the / God-fearing.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The Gospel Hymn
Blue Hymnal 674

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

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

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire

debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Hartley

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the god of love, saying: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation: for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity. We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we now name...
let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

For the churches of the world, let us pray: for the healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the gospel, for mutual enrichment, and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our Priests; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our postulant and Canterbury Chaplain, let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

For the peoples we have come to view as enemies: for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

For those who tend the land, who raise crops, who study and protect the environment, and all those who care for your Creation. We lift up Benison Farm and the volunteers from the St. Augustine's and St. Thomas' parishes who in partnership labor there. Let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who injure, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

For those who died this week, (especially _____). And for their safe passage to the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, by taking human flesh you sanctified material things to be a means of your grace; grant us wisdom in our attitude of money, and a generous heart in the use of the resources entrusted to us, that by faithful stewardship we may glorify you. Let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

Celebrant

Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Please kneel.

Deacon Let us confess our sins 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
Stuart Hine, Piano

“Theme from Interstellar”

Hans Zimmer

Please stand

The Presentation Hymn "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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ronald Arnatt

Green Hymnal 859

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.
**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, 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
Blue Hymnal S161

“Lamb of God”

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 304

“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord”

LAND OF REST

The Post-communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 411

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul!"

ST. THOMAS

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Kleine Praludien und Intermezzi"

Hermann Schroeder

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Community Announcements

LIVESTREAMED SERVICE

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am on Facebook and YouTube

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founders Room.

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Wednesday at 5:15 pm

SUPPER AND PRAYER

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Ed, Yvonne, Howard, Ann, Jean, Jan, Pat, David, Billy, Carolyn, Brenda, Marissa, Katrina, Joe, Cindy, John, Sharon, Joey, Mike, Nancy, Anne, Donna, Michael, and Tricia.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

Sun., Sept. 24 - 1st Harry Potter lesson in Sunday school (9am for grades 6-12, 10am for grades 1-5).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND FAIR

Blessing of the Animals and Fair - October 1 - 10am Service:

The Youth and Outreach continue to need your support. "Help fulfill our Animal Wish List. There is a copy of the list on the Welcome Table. Be sure to pick up a copy. Thank you to all who have already brought in donations for the Compassion Kind Foundation. There are still two more Sunday opportunities to donation.

GRATITUDE GATHERINGS

September 23rd 8:30 - 1:30 pm Beach Gathering 8:30 Coffee and Donuts and lunch starting at 11:30

GOD HELP ME - A GROUP FOR PARENTS

Inviting parents of nursery and school-aged children to gather for an informal layperson led conversation. Nursery coffee and munchies are available. 9:00am in the Guild Room.

Special Thanks: We are grateful this morning to have had parishioner Stuart Hine play the piano at the Prelude and the Offertory. Stuart is a 7th Grade student at John Hopkins, Middle School and is the son of Laura and Hank Hine.

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

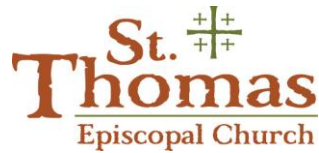
Monday - Thursday, Chapel 9:00 am

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: Colin Burkhart, Luke Evanoff,
Caroline Whitley
Altar Guild: Pat Bernfeld, Diane Robinson
Camera Operator: Jackson Ball
Coffee Host: Ellen Burkhart
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Leavine
Flower Guild: Teri Coryell
Healing: Anne Elstun
Lector 10am: Louise Chapin, Grace Smith
Music: Chancel Choir, Stuart Hine
Oblations: Gina and Mike White
Prayers of the People: Laura Hine
Ushers: Teri and Lee Coryell

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Jon Ward, Sexton

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