

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 19

September 12, 2021

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 "Ricercar in G minor #1" **Dominico Gabrielli**
Lowell Adams, cello

The Entrance Hymn "O Love, How Deep" **DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**
Blue Hymnal 448

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 "Glory to God" **John Rutter**
Green Hymnal 900

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 Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 50:4-9a

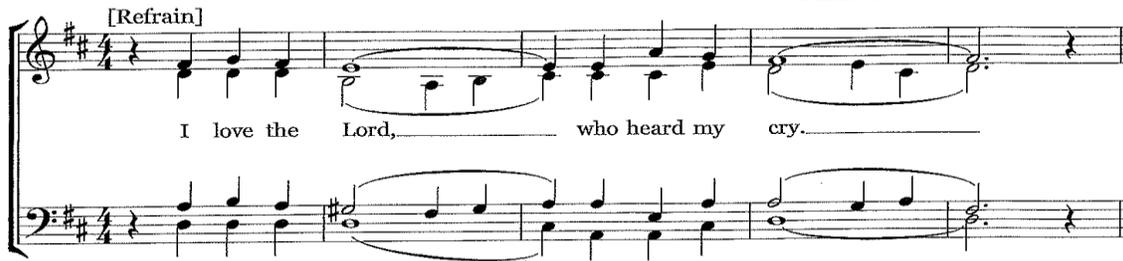
The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116: 1-8

From "Psalms for All Seasons"

Afro-American spiritual
arr., Smallwood
Faith Alive Christian Resources



I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplications.

for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I call.

[Refrain]

The cords of death entangle me, the anguish of the grave came upon me
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.

[Refrain]

Gracious is the Lord and righteous:

Our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.

[Refrain]

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
For the Lord has dealt well with you.

For you have rescued my life from death,
My eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

[Refrain]

A Reading from the Letter of James

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

The Gospel Procession "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" *BOURBON*
Blue Hymnal 675

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Mark 8: 27-38
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Ryan Whitley

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People
Please stand or kneel.

Jesus calls us to give up our lives for others. That we may have the faith to live as Jesus did, let us pray for all in need, saying: Send us your spirit, O Lord.

O gracious God, you have given up your very self to save the world. That we may be empowered to give up ourselves for one another, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

You have made your people equal and free in the baptism of your son. That we may live joyfully in this new way, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

You call us to take up our cross and follow the way of Christ. That we may serve one another and live in obedience to your word, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

You show us all the poor and needy, all the homeless and the hungry. That we may lighten their load by taking it upon ourselves, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

You give us enough that we may share with the needy. That we and all institutions of relief may be insistent in our care for others, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

For the sick and dying we pray that Mark, Rose, Lindsey, Shirley, Taylor, Michael, Charlotte, Christina, Connie, Barbara, Susan, Bill, Caitlin, Mark, Ronnie, Russ, Chris, Lee, Kathy, David, Frank, Julia, Laurie, Blythe, Whitaker, Jeff, Ben, Bjorn, and those we now name _____, and all who have asked for our prayers may know the healing power of God, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

For those who have died we pray, especially _____, that they may dwell with the saints and remember us who struggle to live in justice and peace, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

You have surrounded us with saints of every time and place. That we may follow them as they followed Christ on the way to the cross, we pray:

Send us your spirit, O Lord.

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers on this twentieth anniversary of the attacks of September 11 as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray:

Send us your Spirit, O Lord.

Celebrant

Hear our prayers, O merciful God, and accept our praises. May the gospel of your cross give its miraculous life to all the world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Please kneel.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept

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

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him with grateful hearts.



The Offertory
Chancel Choir, Lowell Adams, Cello

“Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow”

Thomas Clark

*Blow ye the trumpet, blow; the gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound:
The year of jubilee is come: Return, ye ransom'd sinners home.*

*Extol the Lamb of God, the all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption through his blood throughout the world proclaim:
The year of jubilee is come: Return, ye ransom'd sinners home.*

*The gospel trumpet hear, the news of heav'nly grace;
And, saved from earth, appear before your Savior's face:
The year of jubilee is come: Return, ye ransom'd sinners home.*

† **The Great Thanksgiving** †
Eucharistic Prayer A
Please stand.

BCP p. 361

Sanctus and Benedictus
Green Hymnal 859
After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem
Blue Hymnal S151

“Christ Our Passover”

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. At this time communion will be the bread only.

Communion Music
Lowell Adams, Cello

“Sarabande” from Cello Suite #5 in C minor

J. S. Bach

The Post-communion Prayer
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 hearts and minds 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 655

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

NYLAND

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

Please remain seated until after the Postlude (camera still rolling).

Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Resumes Thursday, September 16th at 9:15 in the Founder's Room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Resumes Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30 in the Founder's Room

PUB VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

This will be a standing weekly event on Thursdays from 6 - 7:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: Link is found in the Weekly Draft.

PUB THEOLOGY (IN PERSON)

Begins September 14 at 6:00pm at Cage Brewing

SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER

Resumes at 6:00 pm on September 15th

YOUTH NEWS

Youth room will be open every Sunday after the 10:00am service, and every Wednesday night at Supper, Song and Prayer for Youth Ministry Activities.

KAIROS

Kairos #30 at Sumner Correctional Institution will be Nov. 11-14. You can help provide Agape (love) in the form of Green Cookies! We bring thousands of cookies to inmates, but we are no longer allowed to bring in home baked goods. Your green dollars will help us purchase cookies for the weekend! To this end, there will be a collection box as you enter the church where you can donate "green" (cash) cookies and help show God's love!

Thank you for your gifts of love.

OKTOBERFEST

October 9, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hosted by the Men's Club

German food, music and of course beer plus whatever German dishes you want to bring and share.

ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS MASQUERADE GALA

Saturday, December 4th 2021

Cocktails/Silent Auction 6:00 - 6:50 PM (Silent Auction closes at 8:15 PM)

Dinner 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Silent Auction Winners Announced 8:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Live Auction at 9:00 PM

Mark your calendars - you don't want to miss this!!

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 A.M.

Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 A.M.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday, Chapel 9:00 A.M.

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 ...

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart
Altar Guild: Susan McMullen, Nancy Horner
Camera Operator: Georgia Mattern
Coffee Host: Charlotte Higgins
Flower Guild: Caron Burgess
Lector 10am: Elise Whitley
Musicians: Chancel Choir, Lowell Adams, cello
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Ushers: Tom Shevlin

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Rick Smith, Director of Music
Joe Master, Organist and Director of Finance
Courtney Crosby, Youth Ministries
Grace Smith, Director of Communications
Jon Ward, Sexton

Vestry Members

Class of 2019-2021

Dick Nelson, Sr. Warden
Valery Hendry, Secretary
Dee McMahan, Jr. Warden

Class of 2020-2022

David Dreisbach
Jay Hill, Treasurer
Russ Martin

Class of 2021-2023

Russ Ball
Mike Bice
Michelle Jennings