



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 6, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

June 13, 2021

10 A.M.

INTROIT

Ave verum corpus

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natum de Maria Virgine
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
which suffered sacrifice
and was crucified for humankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
let us taste of Thee
in the trial of death.

Words: Eucharistic hymn, attr. Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362) Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), 1791, KV 618

The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.

HYMN

The church's one foundation (525, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *[from A Wee Worship Book of the Iona Community]*

Presider

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. *[Silence is kept.]*

Presider and People

**In the community of Christ's Church
 and in the presence of all God's people,
 we confess to God that we have sinned
 in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved God,
 cared for God's world,
 or respected God's people as we should.**

**We own our responsibility
 and pray for God's pardon.**

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

(18, *My Heart Sings Out*)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!" (first system), "hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!" (second system), "hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -" (third system), and "lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!" (fourth system). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Cantor: Open my eyes, O Lord,
that I may see the wonders of your law.

The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 4:26-34

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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Presider and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor and People

To the God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us, we bring our heartfelt concerns, saying, Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church throughout the world. Help all Christians find unity in your peace and love. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Give them compassion for the vulnerable and dispossessed, and move them to deeds of justice and mercy. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the universe that you made. Teach us to care for the earth that sustains us, and inspire us to preserve it for the generations to come. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith. Help us to be faithful messengers of your good news, in all that we say and do. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this congregation, their guardians, and their teachers. We pray especially for our high school seniors: Alex, Isabel, Olivia, Peter, and Madison. Continue to guide them in the way of wisdom, holiness, and righteousness. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are marked by violence and suffering. Give courage and comfort to the victims, and move the perpetrators to repentance. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble. Uphold, and do not let us forget, those who are sick, dying, hungry, homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, or immigrants. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the alleviation of the coronavirus pandemic around the globe. To those near and far, bring physical, mental, and spiritual healing. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May light perpetual shine upon them. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that we now name before you, either silently or out loud. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

Presider

Holy God, show us the mystery of the Trinity through the webs of love you make manifest in our lives, and accept the prayers that we offer in your Triune name, as we give you praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling (657, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hymnodol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF COMMUNION [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

Presider and People

God of abundant love, we thank you for nurturing us with this holy gathering of holy people. When we are alone, remind us of the communion we share with one another and with you. When we are hungry, show us the banquet that you are preparing for the redemption of the world. Keep peace in our hearts, so that we can sow peace in the world, walking in gladness the way of your beloved child, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C# major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 848, from *Das wohltemperierte Klavier*

After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.

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Announcements

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Free Walk-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at St. Thomas's Church (registration out front, vaccinations in the nave): Saturday, June 26 & Saturday, July 24, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Connecticut Department of Public Health, in cooperation with Griffin Health, will be offering free COVID-19 vaccines at St. Thomas's. They're hoping that our proximity to Edgerton Park will yield foot traffic - but please help us get out the word.

Yale Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through June 24. See the Enews for details.

Camp Washington! Camp Washington, ECCT's beautiful camp and conference center in Lakeside, CT, is back to running overnight programs. Look for retreats for adults along with a full schedule of camp programs for children and youth. Camp Washington is a great resource - if you haven't, check it out!

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Lectors: Bob Herdt,

Intercessor: William English

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:

Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Franklin (Heather and Alexandria Robison's grandfather), Sally (Edwards)

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:

those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Pray for those have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Paul's, Norwalk; Christ Episcopal, Norwich; Students of all ages who are graduating

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical

Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Botswana, Zimbabwe

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