



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 7, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

June 20, 2021 10 A.M.

VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia in C major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), BWV 787 (1723)

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

HYMN

Praise to the living God! (372, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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.**

**W 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.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 17:32-49, 57-18:5, 10-16

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may

the LORD be with you!” Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

On David’s return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he

stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 (*sung by the musician*)

Richard Massey

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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 and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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Cantor: Give me understanding, O Lord,
and I shall keep your law with all my heart.

The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 4:35-41

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

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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!

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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.**

ANTHEM

Then shall the righteous shine forth

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun
in their heavenly Father's realm.

Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,
and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

Words: Matthew 13:43; Isaiah 51:11 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Elijah*, Op. 70 (1846)

After the Anthem, 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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Hearty congratulations to our amazing high school graduates and their families: Alex Chavira, Isabel Dunlap, Olivia Regan, Peter Scully, and Madison Thompson. Read about their future plans in the Enews.

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. **We're also looking for parishioners who can be at the church during the clinic - to answer questions about the church and generally be available if something comes up. Email Keri if you can help.**

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: Madeleine Anderson, Jenny Chavira
Intercessor:

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 who have died.

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

All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Church of North India (United)

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
Malawi, Zambia

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