



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR C

Liturgy of the Word

February 6, 2022 10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

INTROIT

If God be for us

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again;
who is at the right hand of God,
who makes intercession for us.

Words: Romans 8:31,33-34 Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), *Messiah*, 1742

HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! (362, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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

Presider

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Presider and People

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas,

then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Here I am, Lord (77, *My Heart Sings Out*)

Verses

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the
 peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will
 save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide
 I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my
 light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?
 Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
 heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,



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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 5:1-11

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

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[The Rev. Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tustin, CA]

Presider and People

This is what we know to be true:

**out of the chaos of the waters,
God spoke light and life into the world,
creating all things to contain God's glory
and display God's love.**

This is what we know to be true:

**In the midst of the chaos and beauty of human life,
Jesus was born.
He lived a life completely full of God.
He fed and healed, taught and turned the world upside down.
He spoke the truth of love to power
and died with that truth intact.
The Risen Christ lives among us and within us,
that we might do even greater things.**

This is what we know to be true:

**The Holy Spirit, like breath, like wind,
is the power of God moving over and through us.
By the power of the Spirit,
we proclaim God's kingdom and serve God's world.**

This is what we know:

We are God's, because God loves us. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

Presider

Joining our hearts in hope and faith, let us pray to God, saying, "Light of Christ, shine on all creation."

Intercessor and People

Flame of abundant love, give us joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your universal church and for all ministers of your Word. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Ember of steadfast presence, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Star of wondrous glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray for the land on which we stand, the waters that surround us, and the creatures that inhabit them. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Lamp of eternal wisdom, guide us as we seek and follow you. We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, and especially for the leaders who are listening to hear the guidance of your Spirit. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Radiance of boundless compassion, direct our hands to your loving service. We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all those in any need or trouble. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Spark of true liberation, send us your redeeming and reconciling grace. We pray for the dying and the dead. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

We pray for the appreciations and concerns that we now share aloud or carry in our hearts.
[You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.]

Presider

Holy God, you embrace the whole universe and sanctify all you have created: continually manifest in our hearts the constant awareness of your affection and the persuasive revelation of your desire, and thereby prepare us to offer our voices and bodies as courageous and confident bearers of the Good News of your light and love; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange with one another a sign of peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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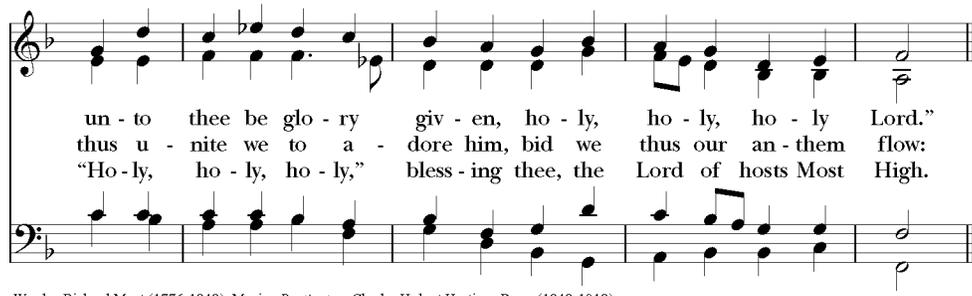
HYMN

Round the Lord in glory seated (367, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
2 Heaven is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,
3 "Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each the al - ter - nate hymn;
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High."
un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

"Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;
With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly Church be - low,
Thus thy glo - rious Name con - fess - ing, with thine an - gel hosts we cry



un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 thus u - nite we to a - dore him, bid we thus our an - them flow:
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," bless - ing thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848) Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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 on the Earth, walking in gladness the way of your beloved child, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider

[The Presider blesses the People.] Amen.

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris
 miserere nobis.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

Words: Canticle 20 Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741), *Gloria*, RV 589

After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour.

Announcements

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Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Lector: Jennifer Herdt
Intercessor:

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:
Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Katie (Coleman), Sally (Edwards)

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Pray for those who have died.

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

St. John’s, Essex; St. Paul’s, Fairfield; St. Timothy’s, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael’s, Fairfield; St. James’, Farmington; Haitian ministry in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Church of Ireland

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

Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

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