



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 8, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

June 27, 2021 10 A.M.

VOLUNTARY

Arabesque

Claude Debussy (1861–1918), No. 1 from *Deux Arabesques* (1888)

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

HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness (189, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - o w of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

2 SAMUEL 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;

or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,

the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,

nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,

the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,

nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;

they were swifter than eagles,

they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
 who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
 who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen
 in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
 greatly beloved were you to me;
 your love to me was wonderful,
 passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,
 and the weapons of war perished!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 (*sung by the musician*)

Henry Walford Davies

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,*
 O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the morning,*
 more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD,*
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,*
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that

your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

(18, *My Heart Sings Out*)

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Cantor: Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 5:21-43

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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

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HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation (518, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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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

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Abide with me

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

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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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Free Walk-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at St. Thomas's Church (registration out front, vaccinations in the nave): 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.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn

Lectors: Jenny Chavira,

Intercessor: Bob Herdt

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:

Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; St. Peter's, Oxford; Summer chapels in New London, Norfolk, and Fenwick; summer, outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Church of Pakistan (United)

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

Kenya, Tanzania

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