



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 9, YEAR B

### Liturgy of the Word

July 4, 2021 10 A.M.

#### INTROIT

Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

Words: Psalm 42:1 Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

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

#### HYMN

Lord, you give the great commission (780, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -  
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly  
love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness and to your pur - pose  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

*Refrain*  
 with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. ) With the Spir - it's  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. )  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. )

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

**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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 48** *(sung by the musician)*

Edwin George Monk

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.

- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Norah Duncan IV

The musical score is written in 3/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a soprano line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, A, and D. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a measure number '9'.

Cantor: The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and merciful in all his deeds.

*The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.*

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 6:1-13

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

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

*The Book of Common Prayer, Form IV*

*Intercessor and People*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. [*Silence is kept.*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of intercession and thanksgiving that we now offer to you either silently or aloud. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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](http://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 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Optional Interlude*



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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 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 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

Maple Leaf Rag  
Scott Joplin (c1867–1917), 1899

*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

***Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.***

**Happy Independence Day!** Today is July 4 - enjoy your celebrations! The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5.

**Returning to the Building.** Remember, we anticipate Zoom worship through September 5 and returning to in-person worship on September 12. Mark your calendars!

**Walk-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update.** Traffic at Saturday's clinic was VERY slow - only one person stopped in for a vaccination. Therefore the July date has been canceled. A HEARTY THANK-YOU to the church crew: volunteers Madeleine Anderson & Christy Kim, Don Edwards, Bill English, and Gary Robison, along with church staffer Julie Kelly.

**Bible Study & Adult Formation.** The Bible Study Group has finished the Book of Acts. We're taking the rest of the summer off and considering what's next. If you have ideas for an adult formation program that you'd be excited about, email Keri.



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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Lectors:** Madeleine Anderson,  
**Intercessor:**

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**  
Cynthia (Sally Edwards' sister-in-law), Fern (Nathan Emsall's grandmother), 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:**  
Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; St. Paul's, Plainfield; Military chaplains, and all who serve this country

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**  
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:**  
Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

**Church Vestry**  
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