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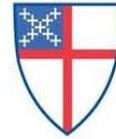
# **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF  
SAINTS NICHOLAS & THOMAS**

# God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping via live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

## Our weekly services, LIVE on YouTube:

**Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)**

**Wednesday 12pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer**

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

## Ask, Seek, Knock from Matthew 7:7-8

<sup>7</sup> "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: [www.stthomasparish.org](http://www.stthomasparish.org).

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

Procession

Hymnal 524

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the  
 2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to  
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her  
 4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy  
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
 2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
 3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
 4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.  
 5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) Music: *St. Thomas* (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly - Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.*

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## First Lesson

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

***People***      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

Psalm 69: 8-17), 18-20 *Salvum me fac*

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:

15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.]

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

### **Epistle Lesson**

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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 harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944) Copyright ©1984, John Hooker. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

All stand

**The Gospel**

Matthew 10:24-39

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two

sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### Prayers of the People

*Leader:* With faith in God, let us pray.

We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God, that all who know Christ may praise his name and serve the world by his grace. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the leaders of all the Churches, and especially the leaders of our own Church: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that the shepherds of Christ's flock may lead us with wisdom and gentleness. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the leaders of the nations, all who serve in positions of public trust, and all who serve in the armed services, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they might use the powers entrusted to them to build and not destroy, gather and not scatter. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the lonely, the lost, and the hopeless in our community, that they may find comfort and that we may see in them the image of Christ. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For those in our community and throughout our region who struggle with addiction, that our concern for them may grow into Spirit-filled action. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the sick, those who travel, those in any trouble, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may draw strength from our prayers and actions. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For our partners in mission, especially the Church of Nigeria, and for the members of trustees. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have peace, and that we may worship with them in the communion of saints. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts and minds of your faithful servants  
and kindle in us the fire of divine love.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

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

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*At this point in the service the offerings of the faithful would normally be taken up. In this strange time, the church is aware that some of its members are struggling to make ends meet. If you are in this situation, please let the clergy know of your needs, pray for the church, and feel no guilt about your giving. But if you are able to give, options for giving include mailing a check to your church or online giving is available at [stthomasparish.org](http://stthomasparish.org).*

### **Offertory Anthem**

**My Tribute**  
*Laurie Jackson, soloist*

### **Presentation of the Offerings**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n\_ and  
earth\_ are full\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes\_ in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Richard Proulx

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, Blessed Nicholas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

## Fraction Anthem

This is My Body

Levas #155

This is my bod - y \_\_\_ giv - en up for you, \_\_\_ this is my  
blood \_\_\_ poured out for you. \_\_\_ This is my bod - y \_\_\_ giv - en  
up for you, \_\_\_ this is my blood \_\_\_ poured out for you. \_\_\_  
Bod - y of Christ, A - men, \_\_\_ Blood of Christ, A - men, \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Bod - y of Christ, A - men, \_\_\_ Blood of Christ, A - men. \_\_\_

Edward V. Bonnemere

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

## The Communion

Communion Hymn

Hymn L-150

Je - sus, the Bread of life, Je -

sus, the Bread of life. All who eat and

drink of Him will nev - er die,

will nev - er die. **Fine**

1. I am the Bread that came down from heav - en.  
 2. All who come to me will not hun - ger,  
 3. All who love and keep my com - mand - ments

1. I will be your food.  
 2. nor will they ev - er thirst.  
 3. will be loved by my Fa - ther.

1. All who put their trust in me will  
 2. If you turn to me in faith I'll  
 3. And we shall both com - fort them and

1. nev - er die.  
 2. nev - er turn a - way.  
 3. make our home in them. **D.C.**

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

**Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**At the Procession**

**Hymnal 530**

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*The picture this morning is of the Chi-Rho symbol, a monogram of the Name of Christ. It shows a carved version (called the Chrismon of Saint Ambrose when shown in this form) on a wall of the Cathedral of Milan.*