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JUNE 13TH
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**3rd Sunday
after Pentecost**

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 both in –person with appropriate precautions, and 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:

Sunday 8am- Rite I, spoken

Sunday 9:30am- Rite II, with music

Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom

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.

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-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th 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: StThomasNewarkDe.church

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!

PSB: Praying Shapes Believing

Whether it is your first time, or your thousandth, reading, reciting, and praying the traditional Rite II worship, it is worthwhile to ask why. In this section of the leaflet, we will examine some of our prayers and collects to help us find more meaning and connection in the ritual.

The Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you...

What is it?

The confession is an acknowledgment before God of our sins. The versions we use in public worship are deliberately vague about whether we are confessing our individual sins, our sins as a community, or both. A separate rite for private, individual confession exists but is rarely used.

Why do we do it?

When we confess our sins, we confront the ways that we fail to honor the image of God in ourselves and others. This honest appraisal of ourselves is important preparation for the grace and mercy that God shows us in the Eucharist that follows.

What it says about God

God desires that we should turn from our sins and live.
The mercy of God is greater than any sinful action.

Messages for how we live

Calling to mind our sins, in the light of God, opens the path to renewal.
Knowing ourselves helps us to know God more perfectly.

For more – Read Psalm 51.

Prelude

Procession

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

Hymnal 589



1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed u - pon the ground,
2. Let not our self - ish - ness and hate this ho - ly see re - move,
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,



now let the dew of heaven de - scend and righ - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - ery heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.

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

Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace - to his people on
earth. Lord God, heaven-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 Spir - rit, in the
glor - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

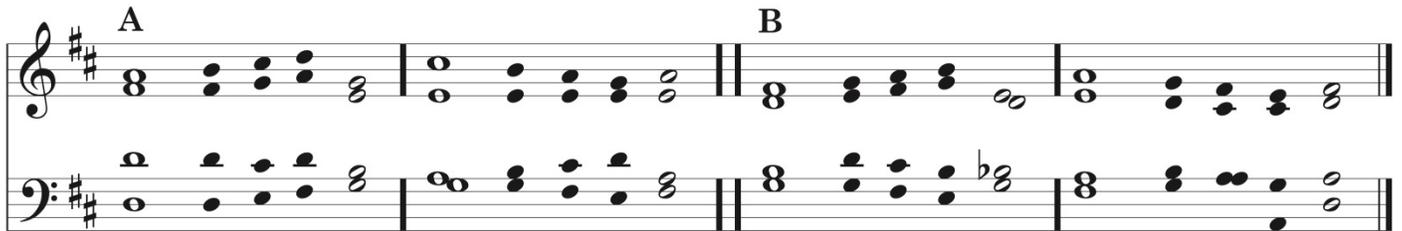
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*



- 1 It is a good thing to >> give **thanks** to God *
and to sing praises to your >> Name, **O** Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness ear->> ly **in** the morning *
and of your faithful->> ness **in** the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, >> and **on** the lyre, *
and to the melo->> dy **of** the harp,
- 4 For you have made me glad by >> your **acts**, O God, *
and I shout for joy because of the >> works **of** your hands.

- 11 The righteous shall flour->> ish **like** a palm tree *
and shall spread abroad like a >> ce-**dar** of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in >> the **house** of God *
shall flourish in >> the **heaven-ly** courts.

- 13 They shall still >> bear **fruit** in old age; *
they shall >> be **green** and succulent,
- 14 That they may show >> how **up-right** God is, *
my Rock, in whom >> there **is** no fault.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Fanfare

All stand

The Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Fr Sasser

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

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord hear our prayer.

For all the people of the household of God, that we may be one as God is one, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that they may be guided by Holy Wisdom, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may use the power entrusted to them to bring justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all in our community who are in any need or trouble, that we may know them to be our brothers and sisters, and that we may know ourselves to be the hands of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and all who protect and serve us, that they may have strength and skill, wisdom and grace, and that they may perform their duties surrounded by the Holy Angels, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, the lost, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they will find comfort and hope, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our partners in mission, especially The Church of Nigeria and for The Episcopal Church Women of Delaware, that they may be bold witnesses of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that their spirits may have peace and light in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Offertory Hymn

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Hymnal 302



1. Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal
guard it still, per - fect in in thy love, u - nite it,



Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all
cleans'd and con-formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered



for thy plea - sure, didst give us food for all our days,
on the hill - sides, was in this bro - ken bread made one,



giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal: thine is the power, be thine the praise.
so from all lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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:

Sanctus S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Robert Powell

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 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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God— you take— a - way the sins of the world,— have— mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,— you take— a - way the sins of the world— have— mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,— you take a - way the sins of the world, Grant us peace.—

Marc F. Cheban

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

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

Thy Kingdom Come, O God!

Hymnal 613

1. Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ be - gin!
2. Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?
3. When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,
4. We pray thee, Lord a - rise, and come in thy great might;
5. Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - ra - nies of sin!
2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?
4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.
5 A - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Prayer for the Parish's Strategic Planning Group

Holy God, you raise up laborers for your harvest, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless those engaged in the tending and renewing of your Church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen.

The leaflet picture this morning is of life in a fresco in the Palais Stocklet by the Austrian artist Gustav Klimt (1862-1918).

Parish Prayer List

Alan L	Deacon Cecily	Liz & Family	Rob
Alma	Delores	Luke	Roman
Amanda	Doug H	Lynn Dunham	Roxanna
Andre	Elmer	Maria	Ruth
Archer Family	Erin L & babies	Marian & Family	Samuel
Arline	Fred & Lori	Marie	Sandy
Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds	Mary & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Ayla H	Giorgio & Family	Michael	Shirley
Beverly and Larry	Greg	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Becky	Hale	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Beryl	Hailu He	Morgan & Family	South Family
Bill & Sandy	HarrisonFamily	Nan	Susan & family
Bob T	Ina	Nate	Stacy L
Bosco Family	Jane & Family	Nathalie & Maya	Stanley
Brian Smith	Jean & Richard	Nelson	Steven
Cathy	Pawl	Nicholas & Family	Stover
Carol	Geoff Coons	Nicole	Sue James
Carol Mullinix	Jim	Nikki & Family	Terrie W
Carolyn Bowman	Johanna and Philip	Noah	Thadine
Charles Baxter	Josh Moyer	Norman H	Tom
Chaun	Jude	Olivia	Thomas
Chris & Ginger	Jule & Family	Pat & Dan	Tim & Family
Christine & Erich	June	Pat & Emmett	Vicki
Christine & Francis	Kelly & family	Peter & Mike	Vivian
Christopher Corbin	Ken & Family	Phil & Terri	Wanda
Chuck	Kevin	Phyllis	Wayne
Cindy	Kizis family	Rashida	WeaverFamily
Colin	LaneFamily	Ray Cook	William McClements
Dale & Family	Larry	Reginald	WilsonFamily
Darnell	Laurie J	Reid	
Darrell	Linda Alexis	Rick R	
Dawn & DW	Lisa		

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie	Joe	Matthew
Ben	Josh	Nate
Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tina
Brian	Kevin	Tyler
Christie	Luke	Victoria

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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