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AUGUST 15TH

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**12TH 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.

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.

What is it?

As the liturgy ends, the priest (or the Bishop when present) pronounces God's blessing over the congregation.

Why do we do it?

As the people leave worship, they are made aware that God's blessing goes with them. This is always the case, but taking this message with them especially as they return to the cares and duties of the world reinforces the awareness of God's presence in every moment of our lives.

What it says about God

God goes with us into every sorrow and joy.
God's blessing is given freely to all, even to those who can't or won't ask for it.

Messages for how we live

Blessing may not prevent trouble, but it can transform how we perceive it.
Awareness of our blessedness is the beginning of a holy life.

For more – Read Matthew 5:3-12. Which categories have you been in? Did they feel "blessed?"

Prelude

Procession

Tell Out, My Soul

Hymnal 437

1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his world!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
his ho - ly Name: The Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ey - er - more!

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est__ and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God__ and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you__ for your__ glo - ry. We praise you__ for your glo - ry.

faster, like a chant

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; re - ceive our prayer.
left *right* re - ceive__ our prayer; re - ceive__ our prayer.

Tempo I

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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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.*

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit for the reading of the lessons.

The Lessons

First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals,
she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14

Benedicam Dominum



- 9 Fear the Lord, you >> *that are his saints, **
 for those who >> *fear him* lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack >> *and suf-fer* hunger, *
 but those who seek the Lord lack no->> *thing that is good.*
- 11 Come, children, and >> *lis-ten* to me; *
 I will teach you the >> *fear of the* Lord
- 12 Who a->> *mong you* loves life *
 and desires long life to >> *en-joy pros-perity?*
- 13 Keep your tongue >> *from e-vil-speaking **
 and your lips >> *from ly-ing* words.
- 14 Turn from e->> *vil and* do good; *
 seek >> *peace and pur-sue* it.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ave Maria- Bach/Gounod

Helen Spence, Soprano

All stand

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

We pray for all who worship the God of truth and love. We pray especially for Christians who are persecuted for their faith, those who must worship in secret, and those who risk their own safety to minister to others.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of Christian communities around the world. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the others who lead the Anglican Communion, and those who lead our own Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kevin, our Bishop, Howell and Juan, our priests, and Cecily, our deacon.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who lead the nations of the world, and for all countries and people. We pray especially for those who have been victims of violence, and for those who work for peace and reconciliation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of our own community, for our neighbors, and for those who live among us, but whom we fail to see.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that their missions may bring justice and healing.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work for the health and safety of others, that they may act with wisdom and patience, and may be surrounded by all the holy angels of God.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our partners in mission, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and for The Episcopal Campus Ministry.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all the many blessings we continue to receive.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, and we give thanks for all the saints and good souls who have gone before us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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

The Angel Gabriel

Hymnal 265

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, _____
2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, _____
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, _____
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born _____

his wings as drife - ted snow, his eyes _____ as flame; _____
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee, _____
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," _____ she said, _____
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, _____

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, _____
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, _____
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: _____

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - - - ri - a! _____
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - - - ri - a! _____
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - - - ri - a! _____
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - - - ri - a! _____

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the High - est!

Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na in

the High - est! Ho - sa - na in the High - est!

Ho - sa - na in the High - est! Ho - sa - na in the High - est!

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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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

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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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Hymnal 620



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ my hap - py home, ___ when
2. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; ___ they
5. Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ God



shall I come to thee? ___ When shall my sor - rows
see God face ___ to face; ___ they tri - umph still, ___ they
grant that I ___ may see ___ thine end - less joy, ___ and



have an end? ___ Thy joys when shall ___ I see? ___
still re - jice ___ in that most hap - py place. ___
of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be! ___

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 8:00 service booklet picture shows a sculpture of Holy Wisdom with her daughters Faith, Hope, and Charity, in the church of St Trophime in Eschau, near Strasburg, in France.
The 9:30 picture is of a 12th Century manuscript illumination showing Holy Wisdom (Sapientia) at the center, surrounded by saints.*

Parish Prayer List

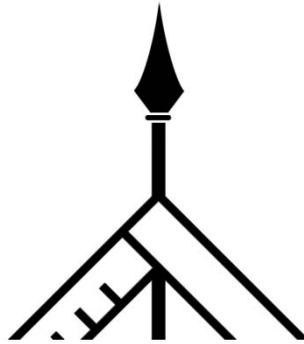
Alan L	Delores	Larry	Reid
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Andre	Elmer	Lisa	Roberta Bennett
Archer Family	Erin L & babies	Luke	Roman
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Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds Geoff	Lynsey & Marcia	Ruth
Ayla H	Coons	Marge Cann	Samuel
Beverly and Larry	Giorgio & Family	Maria	Sandy
Becky	Greg	Marian & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Beryl	Hale	Marie	Shirley
Bill & Sandy	Hailu He	Mary & Family	Sondra & Jeff
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Bob T	Ina	Mike & Angie	South Family
Bosco Family	Jane & Family	Mike Reynolds	Susan & family
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Darnell	Kevin	Phyllis	Wilson Family
Darrell	Kevin	Rashida	
Dawn & Family	Kizis family	Ray Cook	
Deacon Cecily	Lane Family	Reginald	

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.

8/3/2021



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