June 25th, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am RITE II WITH MUSIC

God loves you. No exceptions.

Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

<u>Today's Service</u>

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God**, **you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

Prelude

Procession





THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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

Celtic Gloria
To God, be the glo-ry, all glo-ry in the
Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got-ten of the
high-est and peace to his peo-ple who dwell here be - low. Our
Fa - ther we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The
heav-en-ly Fa-ther, our Lord, and our Sov-reign, to you, the Al-
sin of the world you have tak - en up - on you, have mer - cy up -
might-y, our prais-es be - stow. We wor - ship and a - dore you we
on us, the Great I Am. For ho - ly, you meet us, yet
bow be - fore you with grate - ful thanks - giv - ing, our song let us
low-ly you greet us, the Lord in the high-est, the Ho - ly
raise. All glo - ry and hon - our and glad a - do - ra - tion to
One. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Spi - rit, from
God in the high-est ho - san-na and praise.Music: Leaving of Lismore adapt./arr. George Bayleya - ges ev-er last-ing, the Three - in One.Text: Mark Schweizer

Collect

Celebrant	God 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.**

First Lesson

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 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20



8 Surely for your sake have I >> suf-fered re-proach, * and shame has >> co-vered my face.

9 I have become a stranger >> to my own kindred, * an outcast to >> my mo-ther's children.

- 10 Zeal for your house has >> eat-en me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has >> fal-len up-on me.
 11 I humbled >> my-self with fasting, *
 - but that was turned >> to **my** re-proach.
- 18 Answer me O God, for >> your **love** is kind; * in your great >> com-**pas**-sion, turn to me.
- 19 Hide not your >> face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I >> am in dis-tress.
- B 20 Draw near to >> me and re-deem me; * because of my enemies >> de-liv-er me.

New Testament 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

Family Choir Make Me a Blessing LEVAS #158

The Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39	standing
Deacon People	God be with you. And also with you.	
Deacon People	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to <i>I</i> Glory to you, Lord Christ.	Matthew.

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 NICENE CREED

standing

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

For the people of the Church of Christ, that the Spirit may inspire us with new gifts of wisdom, understanding, and fortitude, 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 recognize the Spirit's work, and protect and foster it, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those in power in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President, that they may not resist the Spirit's call for justice and peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those in any trouble, for those who are sick, for those who have lost their faith, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that the Spirit will guide and comfort them in all their afflictions, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those graduating and beginning new phases in their lives, that the Spirit will guide them to build lives of service that are rich in blessings, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our partners in mission, especially for The Church of Bangladesh, and for the Southern Delaware Ministry Network, that the Spirit will move us and them into unity of faith and action, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all the parishes of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, that they may be filled with the joy of the Spirit, 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 the Spirit will unite us with them in the communion and fellowship of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

- All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
- Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

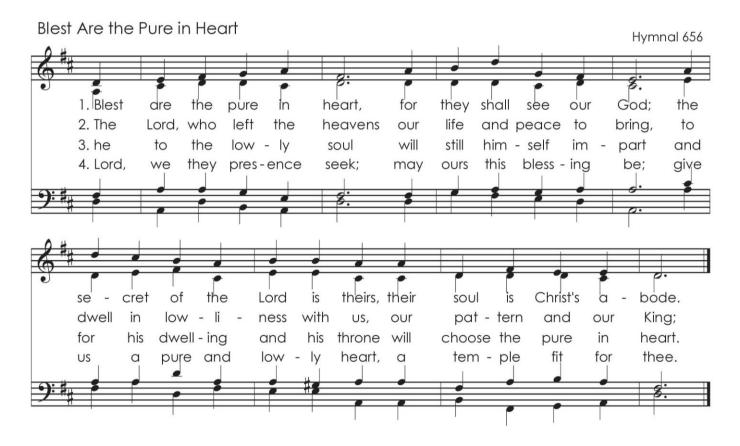
standing

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

OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

Offertory Hymn



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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Music: Byzantine; adapt. George Black

standing or kneeling

The Celebrant continues Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

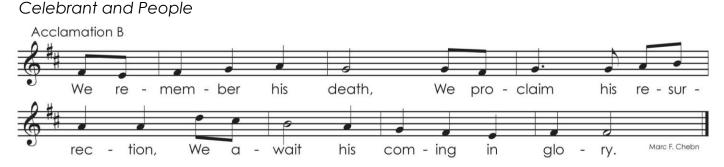
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



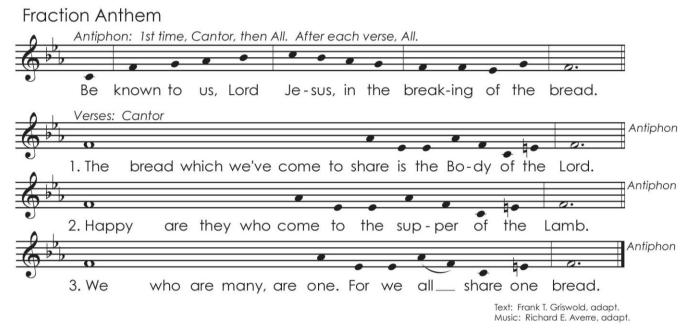
The Celebrant continues Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

THE COMMUNION

- silent prayer -

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing of the Eucharistic Visitors

Day by day, we send out Eucharistic visitors to take the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in church. This good work may take place on Sunday afternoon, but it may also be on Tuesday evening or Friday morning. To keep it in our hearts, on the first Sunday of the month, we pray for this holy work and those who serve in it.

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send out Eucharistic ministers bearing the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. We pray that those who bear it and those who receive it will know the presence of Christ and the love and concern that we send with it. May God bless this ministry and all who are touched by it. **Amen.**

St. Thomas has a Pastoral Care Committee to take care of our church family. Here are some of the things we can do:

- Give rides to PT, chemo or Dr. appointments
- Make meals for people who are just home from the hospital or need some temporary help
- Provide respite for a caretaker who just needs a little break
- Visit with those who may be lonely

SO, if you or your loved one are going to the hospital, call the office

- otherwise, we won't know. HIPA laws prevent hospitals from telling us you are there.

Call the office if you think you could use anything we might be able to provide

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs"

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries Announcements

Please visit the "Worship Opportunities" and "Parish Events" page in the back of this booklet. Then, look on the following page for "Birthdays and Anniversaries" and wish your faith family blessings!

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.** seated

Processing into the community

standing



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

June Birthdays

June 2
June 3
June 3
June 5
June 9
June 9
June 9
June 11
June 12
June 19
June 20
June 21
June 22
June 22
June 24
June 25
June 29
June 29

June Anniversaries

Mike and Judy Grabowski	June 13
Don and Susan Schorah	June 17
Steve and Brandi McGough	June 19
Rob and Cana Hartman	June 19

Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

Growth and Fellowship:

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
 - Will resume in September
- Sundays at 10:15 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
 - Will resume in September
- 2nd Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
 - Will resume in September
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

Other Parish Events:

- 7/23 St Thomas Blood Drive
- 9/9 St Thomas's Health Fair
- 9/17 Newark Community Day, we will have a booth

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: <u>www.StThomasNewarkDE.church</u>

Parish Calendar

Monday, 6/26

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday, 6/27

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Network Delaware, 6:30-8pm
- (U) A A group, 8-9:30pm

Wednesday, 6/28

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 5:45-8:15pm

Thursday, 6/29

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

Friday, 6/30

- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday, 7/1

• (S, G) private memorial service, 12-5pm

Sunday, 7/2

- Holy Eucharist, Ritel spoken, 8-8:45am
- Holy Eucharist, Ritell with music, 10:30-11:45am
 - o Family Church Sunday
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (K) Kitchen
- (U) Undercroft
- (P) Parlor
- (Z) Zoom
- (M) Music Room
- (S) Sanctuary
- (Gr) Grove

Parish Prayer List

Ann-Marie P Archer family Austin M & Krissy V Barry G Bernice R **Betty H Blackman** family BobM BobP BobS BobT **Brendan** S **Brighton P** Carew family Carol G Carol M Carolyn V **Cecily SH** Charles **B** Charlie M & Ellen S Chaun Chris E Chris G Christine & Erich Christine A & Francis M Christine D Chuck & Paula R Connie L Court W D Green

Daphne D Denise B Dennis R **Devon MD** Eley family Elmer T Erin & family Flora R Frank W Fred & Lori Geoff C Georae H Giorgio & family Harrison family Jean & Richard P Jeanne M Jim T John D Jonny K Judy B June G Kathryn D Keith W Kelly K Lane family Larry Liz R Lorraine CS Lynn D

Marge C Maria P Marian S & family Marianne A Mary T Mary Ellen H Michael C Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Nicholas M Pam D Pat & Emmett J Paula B **Richardson family** Rick R Ricky G Shannan D Sharon O Sondra B Sophie A South family Stephen M Stover B Susan & family Tom H Tom P Vicki G

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

Adam
Annie R
Ben
Bob
Bradley
Brett
Brian

Charlie K Christie J James Jeremy Joe Josh Kagen Kate Kathy Kevin Luke Marvin Matthew Nate Nicholas Stacy Stuart Tina Tyler Victoria

To update or add to our parish prayer list, please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly. Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.

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