

**St. Thomas' Church**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Bulletin**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**Prelude**

Adagio

*Liszt*

**Entrance Hymn**

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

*(Repeat)*

We are marching, marching,  
We are marching, marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.

*(Repeat)*

We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God,

*(Repeat)*

We are living, living,  
We are living, living,  
We are living in the love of God,

*(Repeat)*

We are moving in the power of God,  
We are moving in the power of God,

*(Repeat)*

We are moving, moving,  
We are moving, moving,  
We are moving in the power of God.

*(Repeat)*

**Opening Acclamation**

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

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*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**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Leader:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*People:* Amen.

### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 103: 8-13

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 - #318 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;  
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.  
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

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## Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Gracious God, you have given us many opportunities to share our hopes and dreams for one another; we raise our voices to you in sorrow for the loss of the chance to meet face to face and to do the important work as we had planned at this time; God, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us the strength of heart to continue in our work for equality; help us to find new expressions of our advocacy, so that we may continue to work for change during this time of waiting. God, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who are suffering from the coronavirus, that you may bless and comfort them and ensure that proper treatment is administered. Watch over those who have lost loved ones, and be present to those whose lives have been disrupted God, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for those in positions of public trust and all in governing authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We pray for all healthcare professionals, that you may keep them safe so that they are able to care for those who are sick. God, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Though miles and fears may separate us may your love and grace unite us as we lift our concerns to you. May your grace and mercy be upon us as we work together to combat all prejudices and intolerances with love, humility and grace, and work towards unity and solutions in the service of all people. Make us as salt and light for your Kingdom. God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray especially for the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the dying, the troubled and the troublesome, the forgotten, the unseen, and those for whom no one prays. God, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for those in our midst who have asked for our prayers, especially [*Prayer List will be read.*]

*Leader:* We pray for those near and dear to us who have died, that light perpetual may shine upon them and they will have peace.

*Closing Collect (said by leader of POP):* Creator God, we put our whole trust in you knowing that in our uncertainty your truth still continues as the light for our journey. Though we are not bound together by a common place grant that we be bound together by your Spirit so that we may work to transform your broken world. In your holy name we pray. **AMEN.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People:*

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.

### **The Absolution**

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.

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday Prayer** (*change pronouns as necessary*)

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *her* days increase. Bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands, comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful, raise *her* up if *she* fall. And in *her* heart, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Blessing** (*Celebrant*)

O Gracious and Everlasting God, look mercifully on your servants who came to renew the promises they have made of each other. Grant them your blessing and assist them with your grace that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer B**

*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; for you are the source of life and light, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Celebrant and People:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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 St. 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.*

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

*People and Celebrant:*

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Spiritual Eucharist Prayer** *(all)*

"In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen. "

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

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.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

## Dismissal Hymn

### Blest be the tie that binds

Musical score for the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds". The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system includes the concluding lines of the hymn. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: F, C7, F, F7, Bb, F, C in the first system; and C, C7, F, C, C7, F, Bb/F, F, Bb, F/C, C7, F in the second system.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love; the  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers; our  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear, and  
4 When here our path - ways part we suf - fer mu - tual pain; yet,

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
fears, our hopes, our aims are one; our com - forts and our cares.  
of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.

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## The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** The Church's One Foundation

*Melissa Woodhead, Harpist*

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