

**St. Thomas' Church**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Bulletin**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**Prelude**                      Praeludium, Fuge and Ciacona                      *Buxtehude*

**Entrance Hymn**              All My Hope on God is Founded                      *Michael*

1. All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust he shall renew;  
he, my guide through changing order,  
only good and only true:  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
all that human toil can fashion,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
3. Day by day our mighty giver  
grants to us his gifts of love;  
in his will our souls find pleasure,  
leading to our home above:  
love shall stand at his hand,  
joy shall wait for his command.
4. Still from Earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done;  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son:  
hear Christ's call, one and all –  
we who follow shall not fall.

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

*People:* Amen.

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

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 80:7-14**

- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- <sup>9</sup> You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup> Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

## **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Phillipians**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

### The Hymnal 1982 - #493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

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## Gospel

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the

vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and  
his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Leader:     *The Prayers of the People are from the Church of England. Your response is "Lord, Graciously Hear Us"*

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.  
For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:  
Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:  
Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:  
Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighborhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for: especially.... *(reader will read names here)*

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

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

***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 and Blessing of the Animals**

#### **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:*

### **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

## Dismissal Hymn

### The Hymnal 1982 - #559 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

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## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon: Dismissal Prayer*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**                      A Prayer of St. Francis

*Jeffrey Conrad, Baritone  
Howard Walen, Organist  
Music by Sebastian Temple*

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