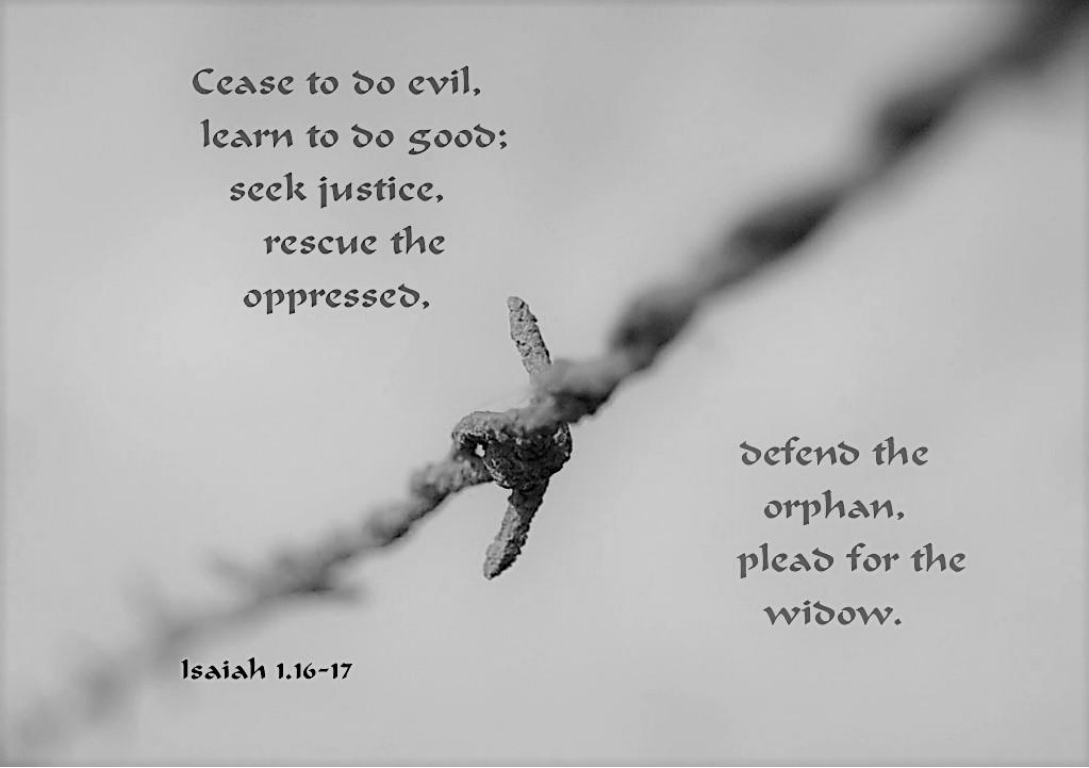


# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022



Cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the  
oppressed,

defend the  
orphan,  
plead for the  
widow.

Isaiah 1.16-17

## 7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.  
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn #636**                      How Firm a Foundation                      *Foundation*

**Opening Acclamation**                      Book of Common Prayer, page 323

**The Collect for Purity**                      page 323

**Gloria**                      page 324

**Collect, Readings and Gospel** *(pages 3-5 of Bulletin)*

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**The Peace**

**Announcements and Birthdays** *(Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin)*

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**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II**                      page 340

**Sanctus**                      page 334

**The Lord's Prayer**                      page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 339

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn#68**                      Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers                      *Llangloffen*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



# 10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn #636**                      How Firm a Foundation                      *Foundation*

**Opening Acclamation**                      Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*insert in Hymnal*)                      *Powell*                      Hymnal S280

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-5 of Bulletin*)

**Sequence Hymn #513**                      Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song                      *Bridegroom*

**The Gospel** (*page 5 of Bulletin*)

**Sermon**                      The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

**Nicene Creed**                      page 358

**Prayers of the People** (*pages 5-6 of bulletin*)                      page 387

**Confession and Absolution**                      page 360

**The Peace**                      page 360

**Announcements and Birthdays** (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 380** (v.3)                      *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**                      page 367

**Sanctus** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Powell*                      Hymnal S129

**The Lord's Prayer**                      page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer**                      page 365

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn #68**                      Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers                      *Llangloffen*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



## The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

**Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

- <sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- <sup>5</sup> "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- <sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- <sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- <sup>23</sup> Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- <sup>24</sup> Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

## The Second Reading

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had

opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves." But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

## **Prayers of the People – Form III**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

**Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

**Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

**Leader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

**Leader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

**Leader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

**Leader:** Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dean & Kate Jackson  
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# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Joanne Hartley

### **7:30 a.m. Liturgy**

**Server:** Sandy Lyle

**Lay Readers:** Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle

**Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello

**Usher:** Jan Lyle

### **10:00 a.m. Liturgy**

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**Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker

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