

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:00 a.m. Service



The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

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

Prelude

Opening Hymn #460 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

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

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the

lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Sequence Hymn #470 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *Beecher*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Brown

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says: The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector: **I present Russ and Noreen Eagleston to be received into this Communion.**

The Bishop asks the candidates: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Russ and Noreen: **I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Russ and Noreen: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Clergy: I present Donovan Bowley, Jeffrey Conrad, and Millie Crocker who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: **I do.**
Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Russ and Noreen, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Donovan, Jeffrey and Millie, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Prayer for Veterans

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3)

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus (*insert in Hymnal*) Powell

Hymnal S129

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion/ Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing

The Rt. Rev Thomas Brown

Dismissal Hymn #412

Earth and All Stars

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The Dismissal

Postlude



*Flowers are given to the Glory of God for the St. Thomas' Church Community
by The Lowry Family*



During the Pandemic, the Diocese of Maine requests we no longer dip the wafer into the wine. Here are our choices:

- *receive in "one kind"—bread only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind counts as receiving in both.*
- *Drink from the common cup*
- *Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the server will say the words for the chalice without distributing the wine.*

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options.

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Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).*

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown

Rector:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Deacon:

The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass

Organist:

Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht

Acolytes: Lola Black, BC Lowry, Lucy Lowry

Lay Readers: Donovan Bowley, Sarah Groman

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

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