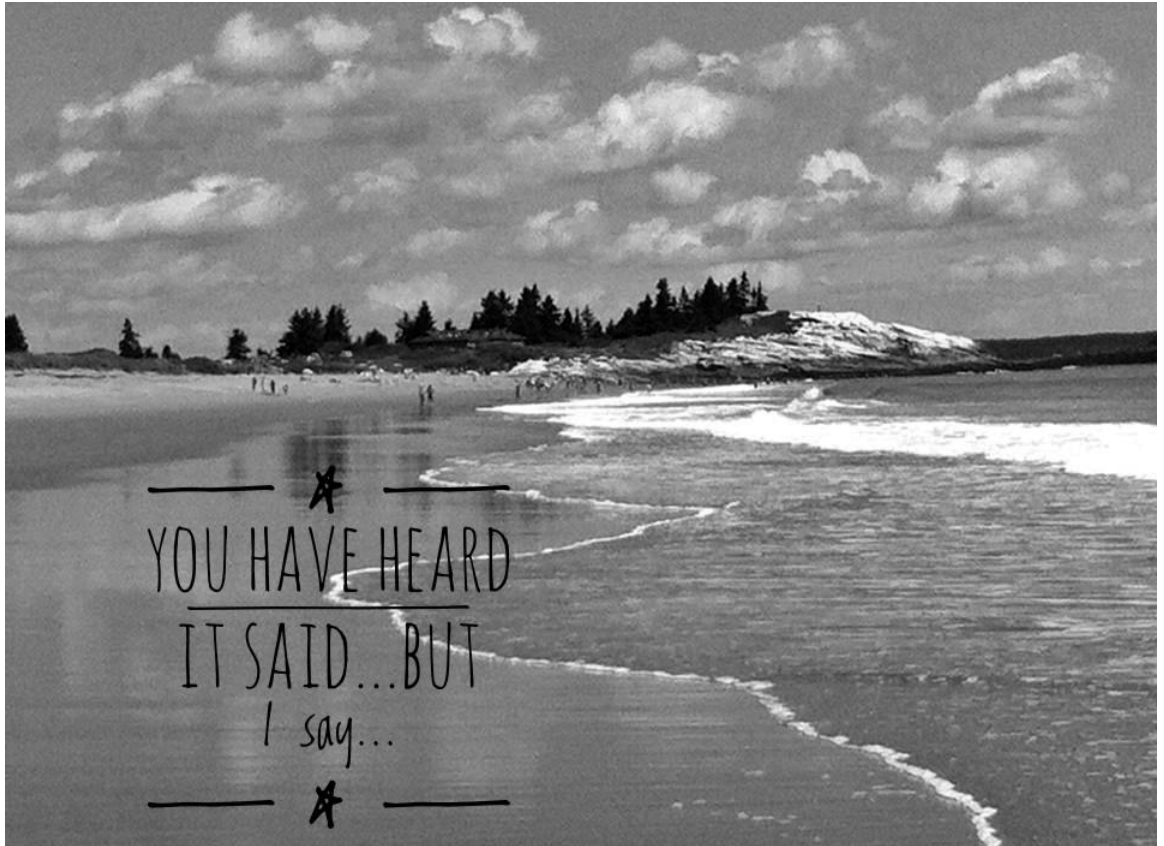


St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 12, 2023



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 #424

For the Fruits

East Acclam

Opening Acclamation

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #424	For the Fruits	<i>East Acklam</i>
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Gloria in Excelsis <i>(insert in Hymnal)</i>	<i>Powell</i>	Hymnal S280
Collect and Readings <i>(pages 3-4 of Bulletin)</i>		
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Offertory		
Offertory Hymn #380 (v.3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
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The Breaking of the Bread		
Fraction Anthem <i>(insert in Hymnal)</i>	<i>Powell</i>	Hymnal S163
The Communion		
Communion Voluntary		
Postcommunion Prayer		page 365
Blessing		
Dismissal Hymn #657	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
The Dismissal		
Postlude		



The Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- ² Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- ³ Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- ⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Thomas our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation....

SILENCE. The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

SILENCE. The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

SILENCE. The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

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.

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.

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



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Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).

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Deacon:

Organist:

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The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass

Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Fierro

Lay Readers: Shirley Fierro, Terry Mello

Prayers of the People: Pat Ayers

Usher: Carlos Mello

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley

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Lay Readers: Jeff Conrad, Charlotte Watkins

Prayers of the People: Donovan Bowley

Ushers: Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert

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