

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 20, 2023**



## 8:00 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 #445** Praise to the Holiest in the Height *Gerontius*

**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*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed** page 326

**Prayers of the People** (*pages 5-6 in your bulletin*)

**Confession and Absolution** page 331

**The Peace**

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

**Offertory Voluntary**

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

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

**The Lord's Prayer** page 336

**The Breaking of the Bread** page 337

**Prayer of Humble Access** page 337

**The Communion**

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 339

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn #451** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Lane*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



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

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn #445** Praise to the Holiest in the Height *Gerontius*

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

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Mathias* Hymnal S278

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

**Sequence Hymn #630** Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken *Wylde Green*

**The Gospel** (*page 4-5 of Bulletin*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed** page 358

**Prayers of the People** (*pages 5-6 in your bulletin*)

**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 C** page 369

**Sanctus** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Mathias* Hymnal S128

**The Lord's Prayer** page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 365

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn #451** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Miles Lane*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



## The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

## Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Reading

## Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

## The Gospel

Matthew 15:21.28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Prayers of the People

*Leader: Gracious God, your Son laid down his life and called us friends: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.*

*Leader: Loving God, your Church is your community, and you have taught us that we are born of God: Help us to show our love for you by following your command to love all your children.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader: You have shown your justice openly in the sight of the nations. Extend your kingdom over all the earth and instill your Spirit of love and compassion to all in authority with, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader: All creation testifies to God’s goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills, they all ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader:* You have taught us to keep your commandments by acting out of your love. Bless this community so that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader:* Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Help us remember moments both great and small that make us grateful.

We entrust to your never-failing love those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Clergy: Almighty God, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may know your love and joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. 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 heart, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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## *Liturgical Ministers*

**Celebrant & Preacher:**  
**Organist:**

The Rev. Paul Briggs  
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

### **8:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon  
**Lay Readers:** Pam Bardon, Jan Lyle  
**Prayers of the People:** Clarissa Brown  
**Usher:** Jan Lyle

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

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Dean Jackson  
**Acolytes:** Volly Watkins, Wolfe Watkins  
**Lay Readers:** Kate Jackson, Dean Jackson  
**Prayers of the People:** Anne Rogers-Popejoy  
**Ushers:** Ed Williamson, Mike Moore

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