

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 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 #366 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *Grosser Gott*

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 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II page 340

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The Breaking of the Bread page 337

Prayer of Humble Access page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #671 Amazing Grace *New Britain*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #366 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *Grosser Gott*

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 #440 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word *Liebster Jesu*

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

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

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

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

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #671 Amazing Grace *New Britain*

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The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will ring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

- ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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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The Rev. Paul Briggs
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Fierro
Lay Readers: Shirley Fierro, Clarissa Brown
Prayers of the People: Jan Lyle
Usher: Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht
Acolytes: Olivia Johns, George Johns
Lay Readers: Gwen Prosser, Sue Foltz
Prayers of the People: Jacqueline Recht
Ushers: Roy Gilley, Cheryl White

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