

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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 #379 God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him *Abbot's Leigh*

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. Canon Lisa Fry

Nicene Creed page 326

Prayers of the People—Form III (*pages 5-6 in your bulletin*) page 387

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

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread Page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #379 God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him *Abbot's Leigh*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

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

Sequence Hymn #675 'Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said *Bourbon*

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

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Prayers of the People—Form III (*pages 5-6 in your 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 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C page 369

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 #450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

The Dismissal

Postlude



The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

- ⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter,

“Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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 heart, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Organist:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

8:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon
Lay Readers: Pam Bardon, Pat Ayers
Prayers of the People: Jan Lyle
Usher: Jan Lyle

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley
Acolytes: TBD
Lay Readers: Donovan Bowley, Roy Gilley
Prayers of the People: Sally Williamson
Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

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