

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 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 #610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *Blaenhafren*

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 (*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

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread Page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #400 All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *Blaenhafren*

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 #674 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive *Detroit*

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

Sermon The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

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 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 #400 All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along

with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving
for the people of St. Thomas by The Rev Canon Lisa Fry*



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The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry
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: Pat Ayers
Usher: Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht
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Lay Readers: Jeffrey Conrad, Millie Crocker
Prayers of the People: Gwen Prosser
Ushers: Mike Moore, Ed Williamson

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