



# Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day

Sunday, June 1, 2025

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in*

*the offering plate.*

## The Word of God

(H 7)

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*As we sing the Gloria, those participating in Children's Chapel may make their way forward.*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The Celebrant says to the congregation*

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

*People*

**We will.**

*The Celebrant then says to the chapel participants*

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

*Chapel Participants*

**We will.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant or Deacon then dismisses the chapel participants by saying*

Go in peace.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [16:16-34]

<sup>16</sup>[With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and] as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.<sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."<sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.<sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews<sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

<sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.<sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.<sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."<sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.<sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

<sup>3</sup>A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world; \*

the earth sees it and is afraid.  
<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
 at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
 and all the peoples see his glory.  
<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images  
 and delight in false gods! \*  
 Bow down before him, all you gods.  
<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
 because of your judgments, O LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD,  
 most high over all the earth; \*  
 you are exalted far above all gods.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
 he preserves the lives of his saints  
 and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup>Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
 and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
 and give thanks to his holy Name.

A Reading from the Revelation of John [22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21]

<sup>12</sup>“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**(H 609)**

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 according to John [17:20-26]

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said,] <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

*Refrain*

**God ever faithful,  
 God ever merciful,  
 God of your people,  
 hear our prayer.**

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ;  
 for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For faithful witness, fellowship in love;  
 for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For those who guide the nations of the earth;  
 that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For those who seek and serve the common good;  
 that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm;  
 for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair;  
 that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For those oppressed, for those who live in fear;  
 that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For all the sick, the dying, and the dead,  
 be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 That we might live in peace from day to day;  
 that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 That we may stay faithful, open to your Word;  
 your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 For all the dreams held deep within our hearts;  
 for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*  
 Entrusting all we are into your hands,  
 we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

*The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

*Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. may be offered.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

(H 448)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

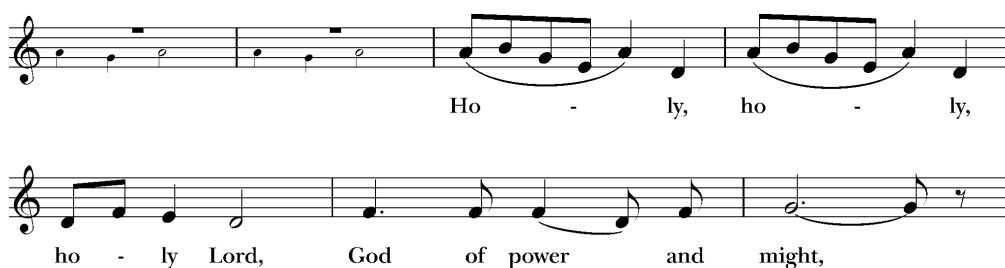
## The Great Thanksgiving

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

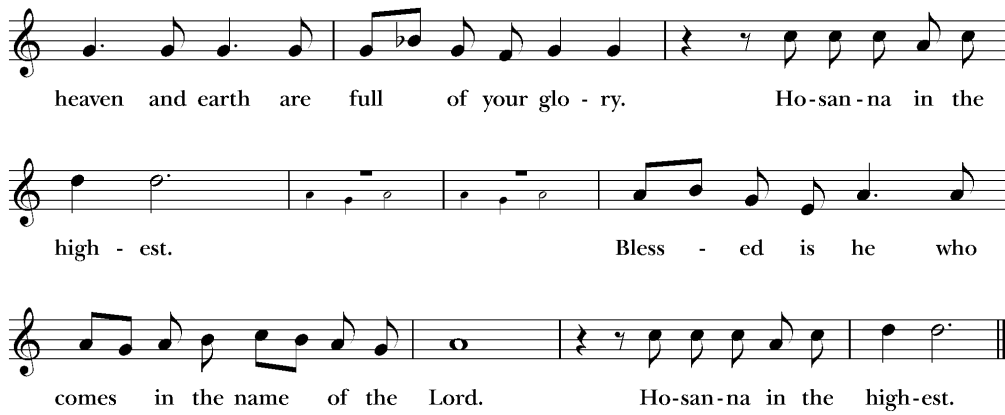
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**



**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Communion** *This is God's table, all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail. You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant offers a blessing.*

(H 73)

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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### **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**June Birthdays:** Jan Lyle (2), John Laite (8), Bob Bock (12), Mark Medley (20), Christopher Robinson (21), Elizabeth Moran (22), Declan Buchanan (30)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** For students who are graduating, especially Staz Shelemei; For all LGBTQ+ people struggling for acceptance in their families and workplaces

***This Week at St. Thomas'***

**Sunday, June 1:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Parish Hall*)  
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

**Monday, June 2:**

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

**Wednesday, June 4:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)  
12 noon All Souls' Memorial Garden Committee (*Conference Room*)  
4:00 p.m. Bell Tower Committee (*Conference Room*)

**Thursday, June 5:**

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

**Saturday, June 7:**

Pentecost Eve Picnic and Eucharist at St. Peter's, Rockland  
(*With St. Margaret's, Belfast, St. John Baptist, Thomaston, St. Thomas', Camden.*  
*Burgers and hot dogs provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share*)

**Day of Pentecost, June 8:**

8:00 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30 a.m. Visioning Christian Formation for St. Thomas with Emily Keniston (*Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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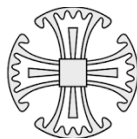
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