



# ST. THOMAS

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 28, 2022, 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.**

### **THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO**

*If you must talk, whisper a prayer to God. Please turn off all cell phones.*

#### **PRELUDE**

(8:00) Stained Glass Window

Henri Mulet

Marlene Brown, organist

(10:30) Largo in G Major

G.P. Telemann

Lisa Huang, violin

#### **HYMN IN PROCESSION**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn 376

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.**

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.*

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Trisagion (sung 3 times)

Hymn S-102

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

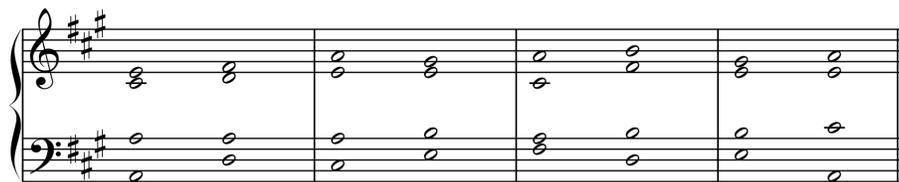
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 81:1, 10-16



- 1 Sing with joy to God our `strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of `Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and `said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will `fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my `voice, \*  
and Israel would not o`bey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their `hearts, \*  
to follow their own de`vices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to `me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my `ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their `enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their `foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe be`fore him, \*  
and their punishment would last for `ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest `wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the `rock.

## THE SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept

undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

Hymn 568

## **THE GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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 – FORM III

BCP 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda, our Bishop, and Brian, our Assisting Bishop; Virginia, Ranie and Jeannie, our clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Ulla Allison, Cindy & Tom Atkins, Nancy Dudney Clayton, Darlene Davis, Mary Gant, Garry Griffith, Kathy Heim, Larry Hill, Ann Knowles, Pamela Lloyd, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Diane Parker, Diane Powell, Barbara Rackley, Rosemary Roberts, Dan Seaman, Jean & Jack Simon, Brenda & Horton Smith, Dick Strobel, Elizabeth Tagg, Burt & Jane Williams, Warrene Wright, and Norma Zeigler.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Remy Knickelbein, Poppy Knickelbein, Todd Christiansen, Helen Conover, Fisher Dippolito, Peter Meister, Amy Anderson, Patrick Evans, Diana Halsey, and Elaine Poplin.

We ask your prayers for our Colonia Episcopal Students Ligia, Kensy, Wilson, Maycol, Eric M., Seylin, Jennifer, Jeimy, Josselin, Marcos, Jefferson, Jeison, Erick S., Anthony, Kimberlyn, Saira, Alex, Escarleth, Erlin, and Anderson.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for Saint Thomas, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Confession of Sins**

BCP 360

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*People*            **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*All who seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. The wine is by intinction only. You may choose to receive only the bread. Please be assured that receiving the bread is full communion.*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(10:30) How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. John Barnard

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing.  
It sounds and echoes in my soul, How can I keep from singing?  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

## DOXOLOGY

Verse 3

Hymn 380

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

## SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 pray,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP 364

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Hymn S-153

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Communion Meditation** (10:30 only)

To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell

Lisa Huang, violin

### **COMMUNION HYMN** (10:30 only)

On the Wings of Song

Felix Mendelssohn

Lisa Huang, violin

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymn 321

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn 493

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## POSTLUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Gordon Young

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## THE WORSHIP TEAMS

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe, Interim Rector
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Jeannie Randall
<b>Organist</b>	Melanie Payne
<b>Choir Director</b>	Kathy Heim

### 8 a.m.

<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Gayle Dodson, Mark Dixon
<b>Lector</b>	Brenda Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Rene' Dippolito, Bryan Dodson
<b>Greeters</b>	Nell & David Fisher

### 10:30 a.m.

<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Renee' Redfield, Bob Hardison
<b>Acolytes</b>	Abby Randall, Grayson Brewer, Vivianne Brown, Walter Brown

<b>Lectors</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeanne Crown, Larry Hill
<b>Greeters</b>	Laurie Fowler, Patty Moy

<b>Vestry on Duty</b>	George Harriman, Bob Harwell
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Barbara Meyer, Suzanne Mohler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat & Al Johnson, Penny Nielsen, Barbara Meyer, Sarah Meister
<b>Breakfast</b>	Vestry B - Bob Harwell, Suzanne Mohler, Donna Palumbo, Ted Evans, George Harriman
<b>Refreshments</b>	Barbara Meyer
<b>Sunday Supper</b>	Tracy Roberts, David Hattaway

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Barbara & Larry Meyer in celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### OUR PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 28, 2022

*We pray for the ill or distressed:* **Doris, Betty** (K. Allison's mother & friend); **Joy, Sonya, Hunter** (L. Atkins' mother, friends); **Dean, Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Jean** (M. Bannister's mother); **Sam** (S. Barnett's son); **Pam** (B. Beene's sister); **Frances** (M. Bestor's aunt); **Brenda** (K. Boyer's friend); **Stephen** (Brecciaroli's son-in-law); **Travis** (E. Cantrell's nephew); **Glenda, Thomas** (K. Carter's mother & brother); **Frankie Lou, Faye, Hinson family, Dinsmore family** (A. Chilton's friends); **Dave** (W. Christian's friend); **Maria** (A. Clark's relative); **Mary, Mark** (D. Clark's niece, friend); **Elizabeth, Mack, Debbie, Marion, Rosemarie** (K. Clayton's friends & cousins); **Randy** (T. Clements' brother-in-law); **Laura, Ralph** (Conovers' friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Cailey** (J. Crowley's grandchild); **Barbie** (J. Crown's daughter-in-law); **Bill** (B. Davenport's father); **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Charlotte, Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's mother, friends); **Brandey** (Drachlis' daughter); **James** (E. Duling's brother); **Cindy** (D. Eppling's daughter); **Jim** (Erwins' friend); **Dan** (C. Erwin's brother); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Kim** (K. Evans relative); **Jan** (M. Evans' friend); **Sarah** (Fambroughs' goddaughter); **Marcella** (L. Fowler's mother); **August** (Glandon's grandson); **Dominic** (B. son); **Brenda, Hugh** (G. Griffith's friends); **Greg** (D. Halsey's son); **Heather** (Hammonds' daughter); **David Nast** (J. Harper's in-law); **Libby** (M. Harris' friend); **Betty Christopher** (B. Harwell's friend); **Michael, Patrick** (D. Hattaway's brother, friend); **Luke** (Haulers' cousin); **Mary Jane** (B. Hill's friend), **Haley** (D. Hutson's friend); **Richard, Susan** (P. Johnson's



## *The Week at-a-Glance*

<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave          Nursery Available
8:45 AM	Breakfast – The Vestry B Team
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave          Nursery Available
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave – followed by Supper
<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room 1
2:00 PM	Grief Group, Parlor
<b>Friday, September 2</b>	
2:00 PM	Gathering of Creative Souls, Heirs
<b>Saturday, August 27</b>	
8:00 AM	Bailey Cove's Framer Market

- **Today**, immediately following the 10:30 service there will be a **Dedication of the Columbarium** in the Courtyard. Please join us.
- **5:00 PM Summer Service in the Nave** Join us for the all-ages-welcome come-as-you-are service. This informal service will continue through November. Join us afterwards for a quick supper.
- **Grief Group** meets every Wednesday through September 21, at 2:00 PM in the Parlor. The group is led by The Rev. Carl Malm. This group is for anyone grieving a death, divorce, or other significant loss. It will also be helpful for those going through a major life transition such as retirement, aging or moving. If you have questions, please contact Virginia Monroe at [vmonroe@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:vmonroe@stthomashuntsville.org) or call the church, 256-880-0247.
- **Caregivers Support Group** If you or someone you know is a caregiver for a loved one, we have a support group at St. Thomas that meets every other week. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, August 24 at 1 P.M. in the Crossroads Room**. If you would like to be added to our meetings notification list or simply want more information about the Caregivers Support Program, text or email Mona Parker: 256-599-9942 or [mona.s.parker@gmail.com](mailto:mona.s.parker@gmail.com).
- Belinda Greenaway is hosting a monthly get together for those of us **who enjoy a creative lifestyle**. That might be artists or knitters or quilters or bookmakers or whatever you wish. The gathering will be the first Friday of the month from 2:00—4:00 P.M. in Hiers 2 classroom. Our first will be held September 2. You are asked to bring your own simple tools of the trade and we'll work on our own disciplines while enjoying great fellowship. Please let Belinda know you're coming and for more information email [belinda223@gmail.com](mailto:belinda223@gmail.com)
- Sign-up today in Information Hall for our **Blood Drive**, on **September 11, from 7:30—2:00**. Betsy Hill will be able to answer all your questions and help you schedule your appointment.
- **Adult Choir is open to everyone from High School Students to Silver Saints**. Our regular Wednesday rehearsals begin on September 7 at 7:00 in the choir room. Contact Miss Kathy at 614-329-5991 or [music@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:music@stthomashuntsville.org) if you are interested in joining us or would like more information.
- **Treble Choir will be meeting Sunday, August 28 for their first rehearsal back.** 3:30 – 4:00 All Trebles; 4:00 Playground & Snack; 4:15 – 4:45 Major Trebles (Grade 2 & up).

**Our deadline for the EPISTLE and Week At A Glance is Tuesday at noon.**