



ST. THOMAS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

It is the custom in the Episcopal Church to present ourselves to our Lord in silence before the service begins. During June and July, the 8 am Eucharist will be a quiet worship service without music. All music included below is for the 10:30 am Eucharist. Please silence your cell phones.

Prelude

My Country

Gayden L. Sikes

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession

Praise the Lord through every nation

Hymn 484

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant says

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

Gloria in excelsis

spoken at 8:00

Hymn S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then

Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13

BCP 597

- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymn 525

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Children's Moment

Children may come forward to the step in front of the altar during the 10:30 Eucharist as we sing the refrain & verse 1 of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful,' Hymn 405.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeannie Randall

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

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; for Donavan, Ranie, and Jeannie our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Kay our Governor, and Tommy our Mayor and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays today or the week ahead, especially Vivianne Brown, Frances Schwemmer, Bob Thurber, Kathie Clayton, Margie Harris, Jonathan Kobler, Chet Marr, and Isabella Thurber.

And for our Colonia Episcopal Students Yosli, Joseline, Oscar, Andrea, Escarleth, Jeimy, Anthony, Wilson, Josselin, Eric, Ana, Seylin, Kenzie, Genesis, Grodvan, Derek, and Sarai.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for Cindy & Tom Atkins, Darlene Davis, Eric Cantrell, Belinda Greenaway, Lydia Kreider, Linda Lou Hardison, Quinn Hattaway, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Ann Knowles, Jack Mayo, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Diane Powell, Lila Powell, Karly Renna, Dan Seaman, Connie Sharp, Jean & Jack Simon, Brenda Smith, Al Stokes, Kay Strobel, Ursula Vann, and Jane Williams.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially Elizabeth Tagg.
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.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the Earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

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 Peace

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

Offertory Anthem

Peace Before Us

from Wonder, Love & Praise

Soloist – Michael Werner

Michael wanted to dedicate today's anthem in memory of his mother, Kathleen Werner.

Please stand

Presentation Hymn

vs 3 of Hymn 380

*At 8 am, the priest will say, "All things come of thee, O Lord," and the people will answer,
"And of thine own we have given thee."*

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.

A Proper Preface is offered by the celebrant here.

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

spoken at 8:00

Hymn S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, St. 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 say,

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

spoken at 8:00

Hymn S-155

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in The Episcopal Church. If you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Come to the altar, cross your arms over your chest, and the clergy will provide a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

My country, 'tis of thee

Hymn 717

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

God of our fathers

Hymn 718

The Dismissal

Postlude

Prelude in G

J.S. Bach

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his mother Catherine C. Hattaway by David Hattaway.

Worship Teams for July 2, 2023

Celebrant	The Rev. Ranie Neislar, Associate Priest
Preacher	The Rev. Jeannie Randall, Deacon
Organist	Melanie Payne
Choir Director	Kathy Heim
8 a.m.	
Eucharistic Minister	Bryan Dodson, Alexander Steel
Lector	Monica Benton
Ushers	Frances Steel, Bill Davenport
Greeters	Margie Harris, Susan Pearson
10:30 a.m.	
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Harwell, Kathleen Brewer
Acolytes	Fisher Dippolito, Grayson Brewer, Luke Carrier, Mario Dippolito
Lectors	Thad Mauldin, Connie Sharp
Ushers	Richard Thompson, Brett Tomlin
Greeters	Ruth Erwin, Genie McCoy
Vestry on Duty	Elysa Jones, Grace Casey
Flower Guild	Barbie Harwell, Patty Moy
Altar Guild	Penny Nielsen, Barbara Meyer
Breakfast	Cursillo
Refreshments	Kathy Branick
Sunday Supper	David Hattaway

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OUR PRAYERS FOR JULY 2, 2023

We pray for the ill or distressed: **Peter** (U. Allison's friend); **Dean, Brian, Robert Lee, Brook** (D. Baker's father, brother, friends); **Kathy, James** (S. Barnett's relative & friend); **Pam** (B. Beebe's sister); **Arlyn Hennigar** (LB Bestor's friend); **Matt** (A. Cain's father); **Larry** (Fr. D's uncle); **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); **Randy** (T. Clements' brother-in-law); **Laura, Ralph** (Conovers' friends); **Brad** (C. Covell's brother); **Rob** (Covell's friend); **Jill** (R. Dippolito's & P. Johnson's friend); **Fred** (B. Dodson's relative); **Lois-Anne, Al** (C. Doyle's friends); **Brandey** (Drachlis' daughter); **James** (E. Duling's brother); **Cindy** (D. Eppling's daughter); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Jennifer** (K. Evans friend); **Jan** (M. Evans' friend); **Sarah** (Fambroughs' goddaughter); **Marcella** (L. Fowler's mother); **Rhonda** (C. Geis' friend); **Martha** (O. Gibson's relative); **Nikki, Mike** (C. Green's friends); **Will, Tim, Jane, Kathy** (G. Griffith's grandson, friends) **Libby** (M. Harris' friend); **Betty Christopher** (B. Harwell's

friend); **Michael, Patrick** (D. Hattaway's brother, friend); **Ann** (E. Jones' friend); **Lois, Holland** (J. Jurhs' friend & daughter); **Judy** (C. Knickelbein's aunt); **Paul** (L. Kreider's father); **Jimmy** (M.&T. Lackey's friend); **Jerry, Dennis** (T. Lee's father, brother); **Sandra, Amy** (K. MacLeod's relatives); **Dan** (D. McCauley's brother); **Jesse** (C. McGill's son); **Rusty** (M. Marr's friend); **Robert & Melinda** (T. Mauldin's friends); **Gail** (B. J. Merchant's friend); **Bambi, Pat** (S. Mohler's parents); **Daisy** (W. Moore's mother); **Allison** (Moys' daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **Frances** (N. Oberlies' & P. Lloyd's friend); **Melvin, Joan** (B. Pawluk's uncle & aunt); **Luke, Cassie, Caleb, & Prestin** (G. Perna's friends); **Hadley, Doug** (T. Perry's friends); **John** (L. Potter's friend); **Terry, John** (D. Palumbo's mother & brother), **David** (B. Rackley's son); **Janett** (L. Ryder's friend); **Nancy, Lorri** (C. Seaman's sister, sister-in-law); **Alan; Mack; Kimberly, Shelia, Maddie** (S. Smith's son; family; friends); **Linda** (friend of B Smith); **Melanie** (F. Steel's friend); **Pam** (friend of B. Stilson); **Zach** (J. Stokes' friend); **Kay** (C. Sutton's mother); **Dorothy** (G. Taylor's friend); **Sharon, Valerie** (N. Teasdale's friends); **Gina** (L. Thurber's friend); **Rachel, Will, Lily, Eli** (R. Verschoore's friends); **Bryan, Lynn, and Jennifer** (E. Wilson's friends & niece).

We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially: **Ben Cathcart** (Bannisters' son-in-law); **Graem Cook; Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Logan Dodson** (Dodsons' grandson); **Kathryn & Juan Muñera** (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **Brantley Scoggins** (P. & A. Evans' friend); **Zach Young** (N. Fisher's son-in-law); **Nick Moultrie, Parker Byrd, Chris Garcia** (J. Fletcher's friends); **Christopher Harris** (M. Harris' son); **Grover Lee Wilson, Teddy Lovejoy, Zane Goodnite** (S. Kittle's relatives); **Drexel Martin** (C. Knickelbein's cousin); **Patrick Macala** (R. Macala & K. Clayton's son); **Jackson Mayo** (Mayos' grandson); **Julia Flores** (D. McCauley's cousin); **Ben Meyer** (B. & L. Meyer's grandson).

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The Week at-a-Glance

Sunday, July 2

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
- 8:45 AM Breakfast, Cursillo
- 9:30 AM Adult Formation Book Study, *Radical Welcome*, Conference Room 1
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
- 5:00 PM Laid Back Holy Eucharist Service followed by supper

Tuesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

- 9:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
- 11:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
- 1:00 PM Caregivers Group, Crossroads Rm

Thursday, July 6

- 6:00 PM Everybody's PUB Theology

Saturday, July 8

- 8:00 AM Bailey Cove Farmer's Market
- 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity, 3126 Andros Drive

Happy 4th of July! The church office will be closed Tuesday in observance of the July 4th holiday.

Countdown to Camp Cosmos VBS July 10—14, 9am until noon Calling all volunteers ready to help with Camp Cosmos. Register rising pre-K through 5th graders using the paper registration forms available in Information Hall. All friends and family are welcome. Contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Laura Beth Bestor via email children@stthomashuntsville.org for more info.

New Adult Class on Celtic Christianity Next Sunday, July 9, Father Donavan will be back from his vacation and offering a new Adult Class on Celtic Christianity at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. Join him as he share photos and explains Celtic Spirituality for this month long class.

BACKPACK BOOSTERS support Huntsville City School students. Everyone is invited to help with this service project for our elementary aged friends in need. VBS children will be collecting school supplies and we're asking parishioners to donate backpacks to hold supplies. A drop-off box will be in Information Hall.

Upcoming Opportunities

Caregivers Support Group meets every other Wednesday from 1—2:30 pm in the Crossroads Room. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 5. Please join us. This group wants to be supportive for all caregivers.

Habitat will continue Saturday at 3126 Andros Drive and 3127 Nassau Drive. We begin at 8 and work until the work for the day is done. Lunch is served. Both houses have roofs so we will work inside as we can. For info, call Elouisa Stokes at 256-604-8669.

St. Thomas Book Club: We will meet on July 10 to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We meet in the Parlor at 10 a.m. and would love to have you join us. For more information, call Elouisa Stokes at 256-604-8669.

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