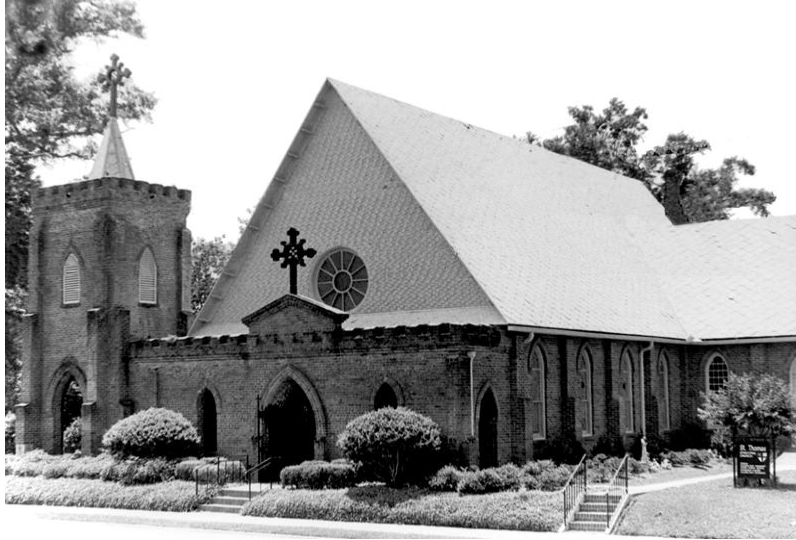


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer: Rite II

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DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer*, H – *The Hymnal 1982*
S – *Service Music in The Hymnal*, A – *Alleluia III Songbook*

Prelude

Dr. Elizabeth French

Opening Hymn

The Church's one foundation

H 525, V 1-3

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, she is his new creation by water and the word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he brought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

All say together

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 Absolution

BCP 80

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 Invitatory

BCP 80

All Stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

BCP 81

People *Come let us adore him.*

The Venite

BCP 82 and S 35

Psalms 95: 1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

And the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he has made it, *

And his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

Psalms 149

BCP 807

Officiant and People

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.
⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;
⁸To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;
⁹To inflict on them the judgement decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Response

H 84

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closet neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the house in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: you lions girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: The First Song Of Isaiah

BCP 86

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 And he will be my Savior.
 Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who love 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 your 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. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

The Church's one foundation

H 525, V 4-5

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war she waits the consummation of peace forever more; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 refuse to listen even to the church, let such 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 your 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Lori Neilson

Lay Reader

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

All say together

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

Offertory Sentence

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

(Offerings may be mailed, given to the church office, or given securely online at www.stthomasgreenville.org)

Offertory Meditation

Dr. Elizabeth French

The Presentation

Doxology

H 380 v 3

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People

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 Suffrage B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy.
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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 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 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;

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.

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

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all to who you have made. We bless you for all creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of his grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Sentence

BCP 102

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing Hymn

Christ for the world we sing

H 537

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and over borne, sin sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ, our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Postlude

Dr. Elizabeth French