

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 22, 2022 10:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

### Processional Hymn

*All creatures of Our God and King*

H 400

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### Celebrant

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.*

### A Song of Praise

S 236

### Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

### Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Word of God

#### First Reading Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 67

BCP 675

*Officiant and People*

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Sequence Hymn

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*

H 510

### Gospel John 14:23-29

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the

Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Linda Suzanne C. Borgen

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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 IV*

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

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

## **Confession of Sin**

*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.

## Absolution

BCP 360

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

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

*People And also with you.*

## The Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory

*The Priest says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*(Offerings may be mailed, given to the church office, or given securely online at [www.stthomasgreenville.org](http://www.stthomasgreenville.org))*

#### Offertory Meditation

Gary Mather

#### Doxology

H 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

#### The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

**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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Then 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.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **Celebrant**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation [*Amen.*]

### **Communion Hymns**

Choir and Congregation

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

A 50

*Glorify Thy Name*

A 45

### **Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitor**

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* For we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Celebrant blesses the congregation saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

*All things bright and beautiful*

H 461

### **Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude**

**St. Thomas Prayer List**  
**May 22, 2022**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

**Parishioners:** Midge Bennett; Richard Boulay; Sarah Creech; Judy Gettys; Ceil Hamilton; Larry Lehman; Gary Mather; Rosa McGowin; Brenda Morton; Marion Norman; Mickey Worthington.

**Family and Friends of Parishioners:** Melissa Adams; Jeff Andrews; Mary Ann Arierson; Ed & Hope Hendricks-Bacon; Lydia Bailey; Kim Ballard; Susan Bargainer; Emma Black; Johnny Boutwell; Janet Brolund; Tony & Peggy Campolo; Anne Bailey Cates; Sarah Sewell Chapman; Lincoln Chesser; Deborah Crews; Sarah Berry-Dove; Dale Gates; Ethan Gentry; Melanie Gentry; Lucy Gosa; Teresa Green; Jeremiah Hamm; Johnny & Deanna Hamm; Butch & Cass Hamrick; Deacon Hatton; Pamela Holp; Velma Huggins; Chalice Hutchins; Kirk Johnson; Kat Kinman; Carol Ann Lemkau; Virginia Matthews; Roland McClune; Darren McGilberry; Donnie & Mary Helen McGough; Lucrecia Middleton; Michael Moore; Thane Myles; Carol Norton; Michael Owens; Glenda & Haywood Parrish; Kay Parrish; Elizabeth Renner; Mack Russell Sr.; Priscilla Solomons; Tricia Spencer; Edwin Steimling; Edwin-Clair Steimling; Christi Stewart; Gale Till; Austin Tucker; Dusk Tucker; Micah Waddell; Ellen Warren; MaryEllen Warren. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ the King, Santa Rosa Beach, St. Monica's, Cantonment, and the Camden Work Release, Camden

**For the Departed:** Joy Russell

**Announcements**

**Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** –Lay Assistant Training Meeting 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** –Senior Recognition Day celebrating Stirling Hamilton IV.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** Lay Assistant Training Meeting 9 a.m.

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Splash Day sponsored by St. Thomas ECW. Adult volunteers needed. Please call or email the office to sign up for a time slot.

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** Parish Kickball Game following worship

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** Convocation IV Youth Event, Waterworld in Dothan

**Birthdays this week:**

Travis Powell, May 22

Norman McGowin III, May 23

**Anniversaries this week:**

Norman & Vivian McGowin, May 25