The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All



are given to the glory of God, in memory of

Howard Morgan Waller, my father and Melinda Waller Mangham, my sister,

by Stephen Waller

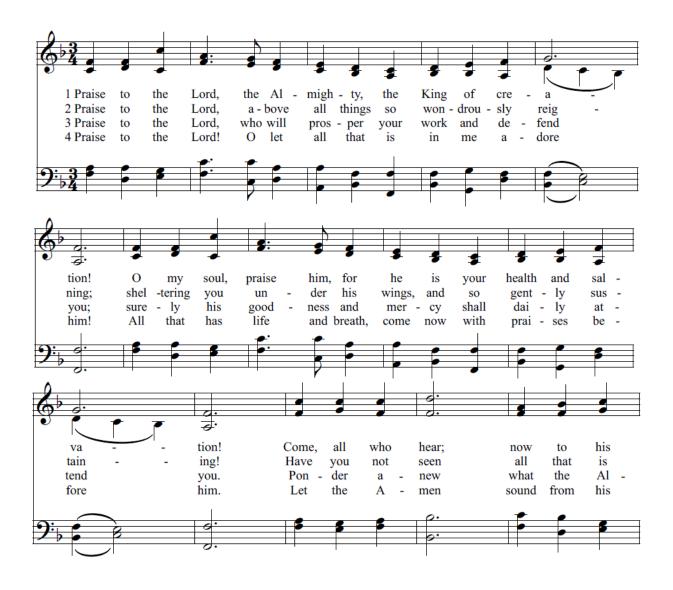
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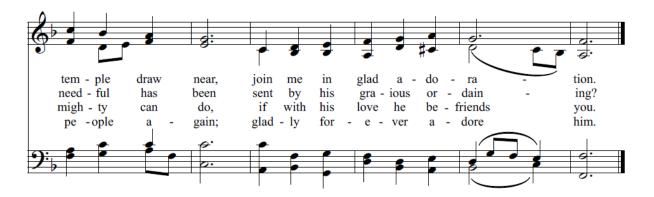
Sursum Corda and Intrada by John Ireland

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

Praise to the Lord





Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Amen.

Collect for Purity

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*.

The Gloria

The following is said, all standing

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14



1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no / God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none / who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven up-/on us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one / who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned / bad; * there is none who / does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil-/doers * who eat up my people like bread and do not / call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with / fear, * because God is in the company / of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the af-/flicted, * but the Lord / is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of / Zion! * when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and / Israel be glad.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen J. Waller

A time for silent reflection.

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

We yearn for the fullness of God, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him.

We thank you for the gift of life and for our connection with all that you have made. May we delight in your creation and protect it. Fill us with the fullness of God.

V: Amen, Lord.

R: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for creative compassionate leaders throughout the world. May they devote themselves to justice, peace, and the common good.

V: Amen, Lord.

R: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the endless and beautiful diversity of humanity. May we recognize and celebrate your image in every person we meet.

V: Amen, Lord.

R: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the promise of your presence in our lives. May our concern for those among us who are hurting bring us to prayer and may our care for them be healing balm.

V: Amen, Lord.

R: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of new life in this world and the hope of new and everlasting life in the world to come. May those who have gone before us overflow with the fullness of your never-ending love and light.

V: Amen, Lord.

R: Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements & Blessings

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please refer to the Doubter for current Birthdays.

Anniversary Prayer

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these your servants. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and finally bring them to that holy table where, with those they love, they will feast for ever in their heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Like the murmur of the dove's song by Alan Smith. Sung by Charles Mullins and Randy Lacy.

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

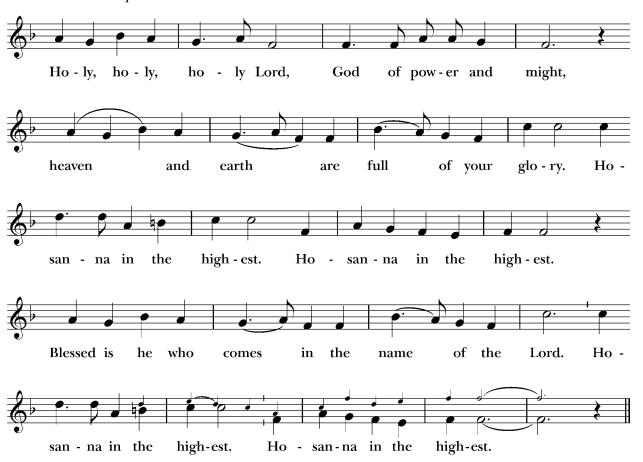
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Celebrant and People



Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Healing prayer available at the rear of the Nave.

Communion Anthem

Charge to Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the Name of this congregation, I send you forth

bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's

Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, because we all

share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

All Stand.

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

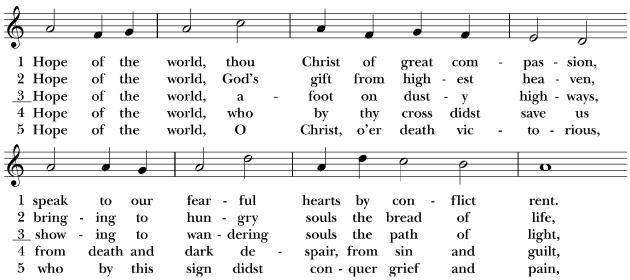
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

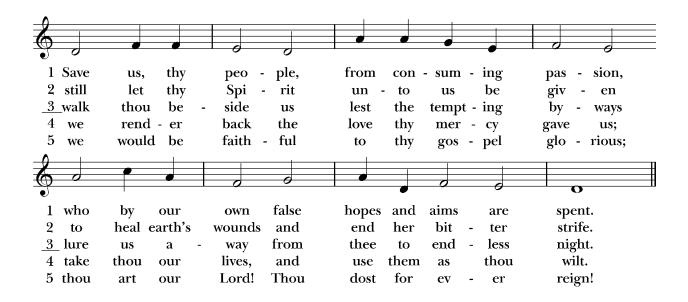
Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

Closing Hymn

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion (Donne secours) (H 472)





Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Allegro maestoso by Gordon Young

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