

# **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*

# Opening Voluntary

*Sursum Corda* and *Intrada* by John Ireland

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Hymn

*Praise to the Lord*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a -  
2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won - drou - sly reig -  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -  
ning; shel - tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -  
you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -  
him! All that has life and breath, come now with prai - ses be -

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his  
tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is  
tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.  
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - ious or - dain - ing?  
 migh - ty can do, if with his love he be - friends you.  
 pe - ople a - gain; glad - ly for - e - ver a - dore him.

## 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.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Sanctus

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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, 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)



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en  
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

## 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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