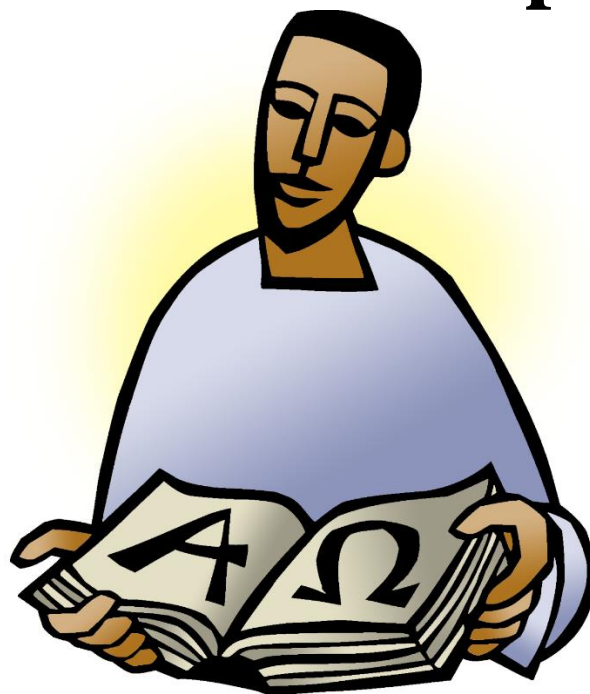


The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All



*are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of my mother*

Mary Legacy

by Michael Legacy

Opening Voluntary

Canticle by Charles Callahan

Blessed Jesus, at thy word by J.S. Bach

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

O praise ye the Lord (Laudate Dominum) (H 432)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye 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 People standing, 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: 1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11), 22 – 30, 41-43

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84



1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O / Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice / in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my / King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house! *
they will al-/ways be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! *
whose hearts are set / on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place
of / springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with / pools of water.

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

Bless our questions and the stirring of our hearts. Grant us wonder and delight in your mystery.

V: We come before you, O God, saying

R: Bless us and keep us close.

We pray for your church, that we may be alert to your stirring, and aware of your presence. Guide and strengthen those in leadership: our bishops, priests, and deacons. Empower all who worship and serve in your church, in your name.

V: We come before you, O God, saying

R: Bless us and keep us close.

Our hearts ache for people around the world who live in poverty, hunger, and oppression. Keep us mindful of their needs, and move us to make a difference in their lives.

V: We come before you, O God, saying

R: *Bless us and keep us close.*

We are surrounded by people who are in pain, physically and spiritually. We pray that they are upheld by our prayers and come to know healing in their lives.

V: We come before you, O God, saying

R: *Bless us and keep us close.*

Some among us are dying, and some have passed into eternal life. We pray for those who mourn and ask that all may be assured of your unending presence and your promise of life eternal with your saints in light.

V: We come before you, O God, saying

R: *Bless us and keep us close.*

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

All stand.

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

As we gather at your Table sung by Fred Owen

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



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.

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.

Celebrant and People

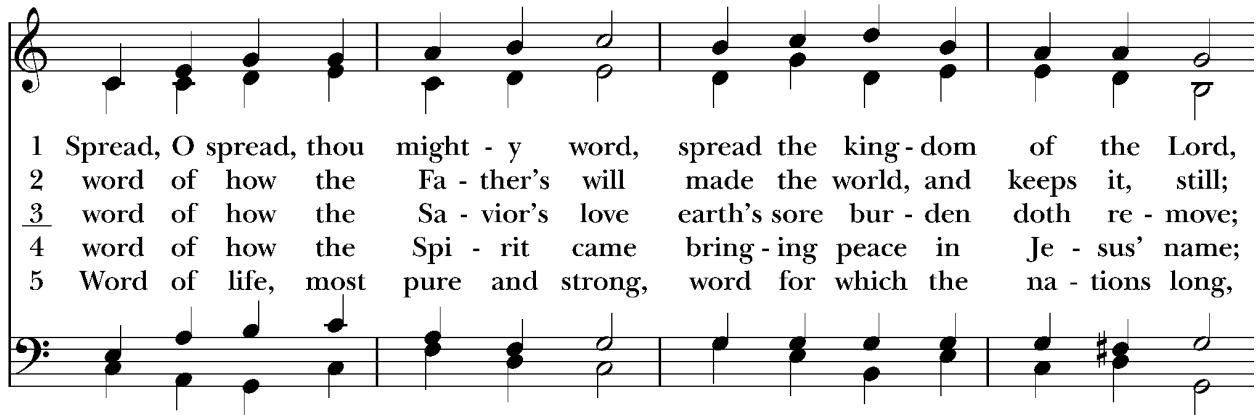
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

Blessing

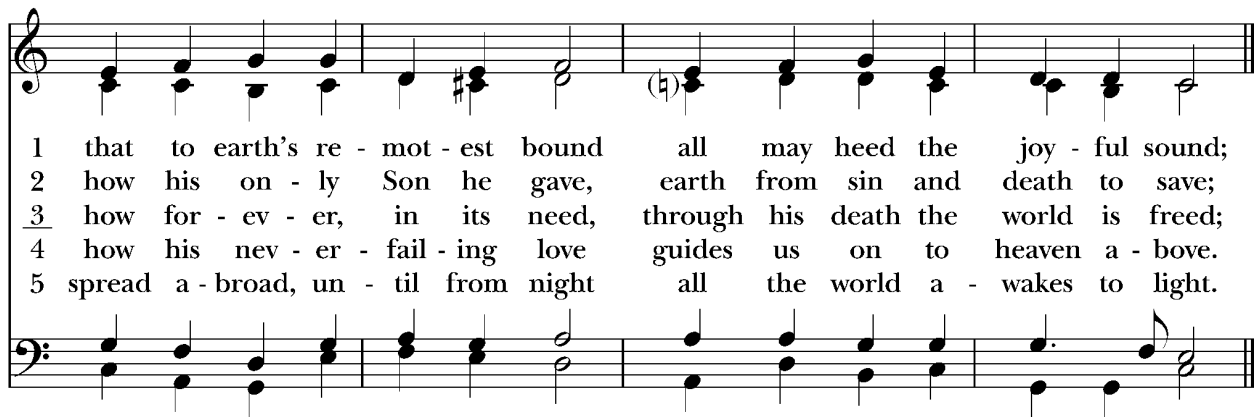
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (Gott sei Dank) (H530)



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare by Charles Ore

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