

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All



*are given to the glory of God,
in loving thanksgiving on the 65th birthday of*

Rett Evans

by Wynne Voorhees

Opening Voluntary

Andante from Organ Sonata #6 by Felix Mendelssohn

Aria by John S. Dixon

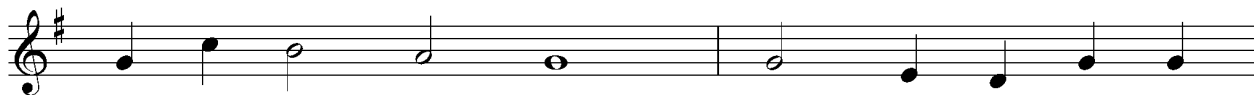
The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

New songs of celebration render (Rendez à Dieu) (H 413)



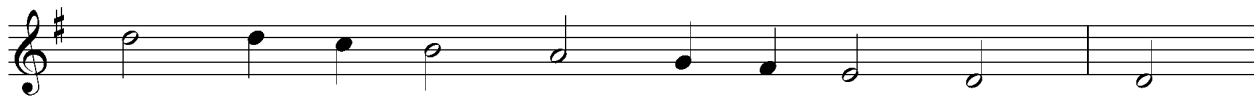
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



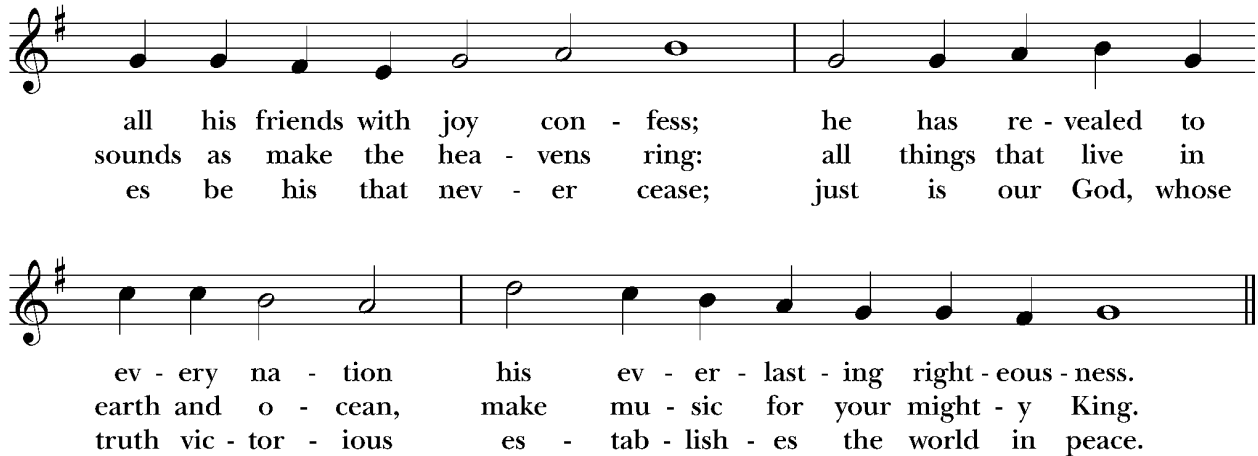
has great won - ders done; awed by his love his
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look



foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.
grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - jice.
up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.



He has made known his great sal - va - tion which
Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such
Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -



all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to
sounds as make the hea - vens ring: all things that live in
es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose
ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.
earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.
truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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, 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.

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 Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10



1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the / king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of / a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of / men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed / you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and / ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and / hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has a-/nointed you *
with the oil of gladness a-/bove your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cas-
/sia, *
and the music of strings from ivory pa-/laces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the / court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the / gold of Ophir.

The Second Reading: James 1: 17-27

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

All stand.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Blake Thomas

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

Open our eyes to see that all we are and all we have comes from you, O God. We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of generosity and holy imagination.

Open our lips with your praise as we gather as the body of Christ. Keep the leaders of our faith communities deeply connected to you that you may guide their course as we journey together. We pray for our bishops, our priests and deacons, and all who support the work you have given us to do.

Silence

Open the hearts of the leaders of the world. Give them courage to work for a better future for their people, which reflects justice, kindness, and connection with each other. Open the path to peace in the world.

Silence

Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face violent weather, whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances. May your love be made manifest through us.

Silence

Open a path to wholeness for those who live in fear of any kind, who have lost their way, whose spirits are restless, whose bodies are hurting. We pray for healing for N.

Silence

Open your arms to embrace those who have recently died, especially N. Grant them entrance to your eternal kingdom, where there is no pain or grief.

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

Ballad (My Beloved Spoke) from Nightstone by Arnold Rosner

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.

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,

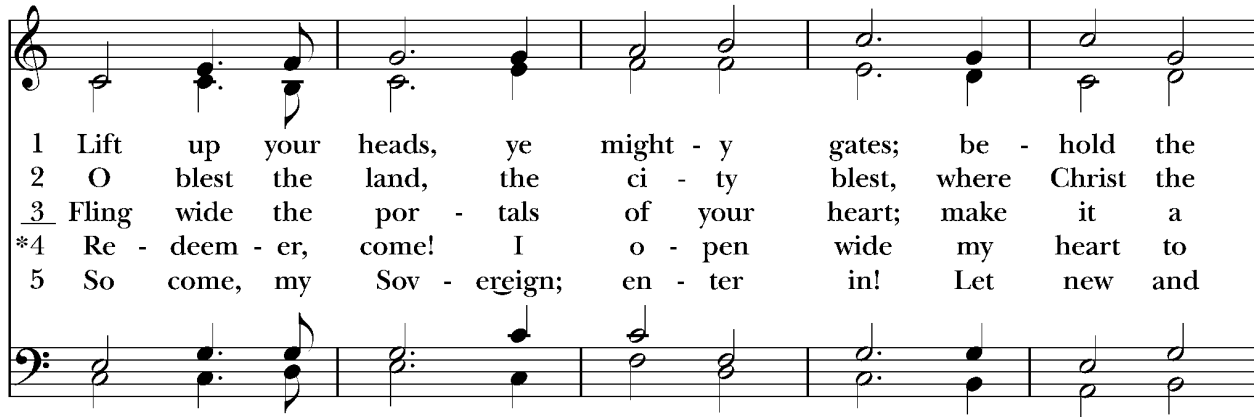
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

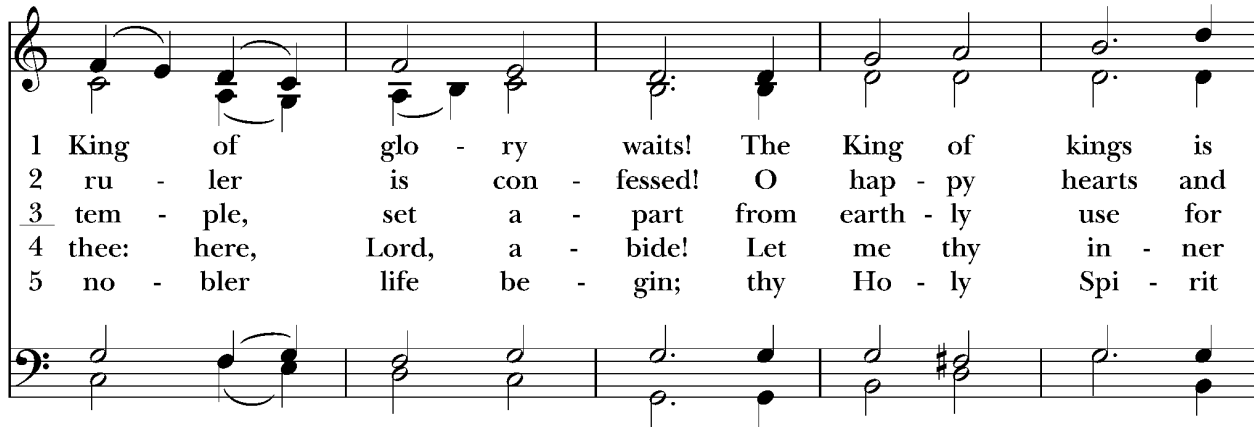
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

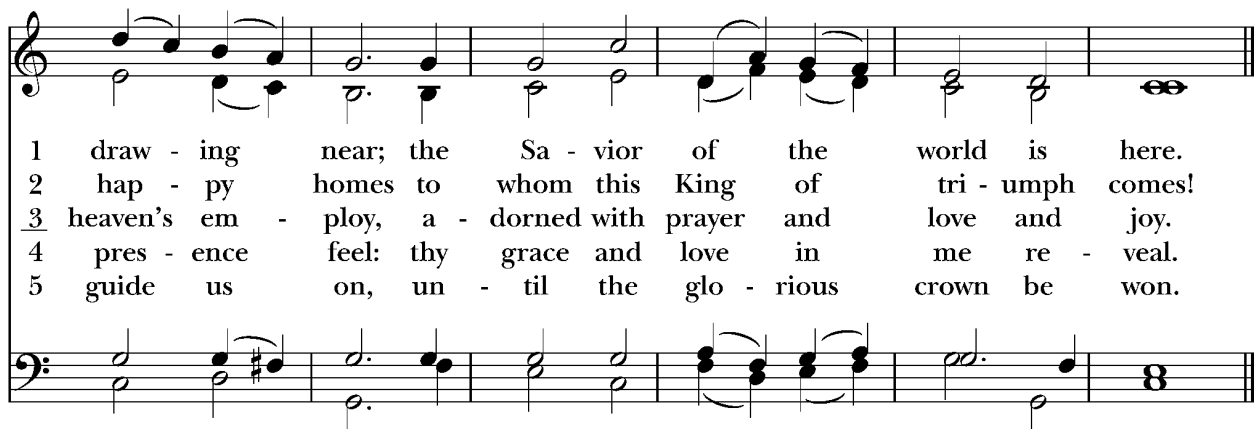
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (Truro) (H 436)



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

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