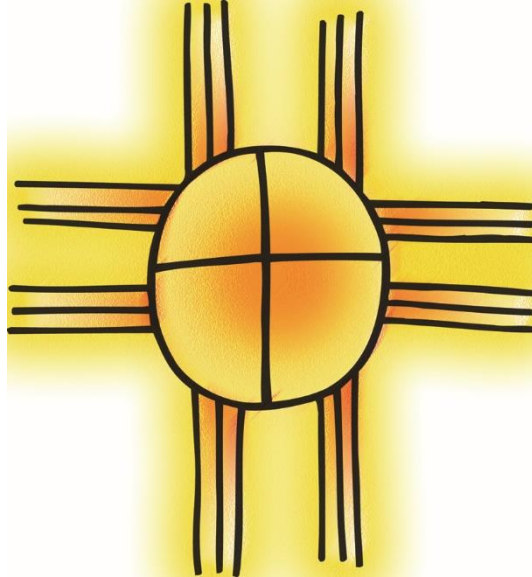


# **The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle**



**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Baptism of Emmett Russell Sanchez-Brown**

August 15, 2021

**Our Mission Statement**

*Helping Hands – Healing Hearts*

*Welcome All*



## Opening Voluntary

Settings of the hymn tune *Engelberg* by David Cherwien and Robert A. Hobby

## Entrance Hymn

*"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"*



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no  
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its  
death. Re - born, we share with him an  
life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the  
grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to  
East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our  
Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the  
flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!  
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Romans 6:4, 9; John B. Geyer, b.1932, ©

Tune: ENGELBERG, 10 10 10 with alleluia; Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

## 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.

### **Salutation for Baptism**

*Celebrant*       There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People*           There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Celebrant*       One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*           One God and Father of all.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*       The Lord be with you.  
*People*           And also with you.  
*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

*The people sit.*

#### **First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3: 3-14**

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

### **Psalm 111**



1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole / heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the / congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the / Lord! \*  
they are studied by all / who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and / splendor, \*  
and his righteousness en-/dures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be re-/membered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full / of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who / fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful / of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his / works \*  
in giving them the lands / of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice; \*  
all his com-/mandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and / ever, \*  
because they are done in / truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for / ever; \*  
holy and / awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of / wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise en-/dures for ever.

## **The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## **The Gospel: John 6:51-58**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Christopher Blake Thomas

*A time for silent reflection.*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

*The Celebrant asks when the candidate is presented*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Emmett to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons in their* life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with Emmitt who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the  
breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*



Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Emmett who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Baptism**

Emmett, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism] and saying*

Emmett, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

## **Welcome the newly Baptized**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## **The Peace**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

*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

## The Offertory

*Made one in bonds of Love*” by David Ashley White. Soloist 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.

### Proper Preface

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*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

*Through the font flow living waters*

Through the font flow liv - ing wa - ters, cours - ing  
 Here the Spir - it soaks the faith - ful, wash - es  
 From the wounds of bless - ed Je - sus comes the  
 from the depths be - low. An - cient riv - ers flood the  
 all their sins a - way. Tor - rents sweep the bless - ed  
 life of the whole world. Christ has giv - en all cre -  
 dry ground nour - ish - ing all life to grow. Rain falls  
 new - born to God's chos - en des - ti - ny. Ho - ly  
 a - tion hope to rise from death's cold thrall. Ho - ly  
 down from heav - en's vault - ing o - ver flow ing all the  
 Church en - wraps her child - ren, who e - merge from drown - ing  
 peo - ple to ex - alt him, Jes - us claims us for his




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land. Sin - ners sink be - neath the storm surge ris - ing up to life made  
 death. Who then gasp with life a - bund - ant, breath - ing deep of God's own  
 own. Here's one Spir - it, here's one foun - tain, here's one faith to make us

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new.  
 breath.  
 one.

## Dismissal

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

## Closing Voluntary

*Festival Finale* by Malcolm Archer



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