

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All



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

Betty Wood DeuPree

by Joe DeuPree



*The Mary Candle
is given to the glory of God,
in celebration of and in loving memory of*

Danielle Copeland

by Jane Hook

Opening Voluntary

Interludes #1 and #2 by A.E. Floyd

2nd Movement from *Sonata #1*, Opus 65, by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Robert Lau

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

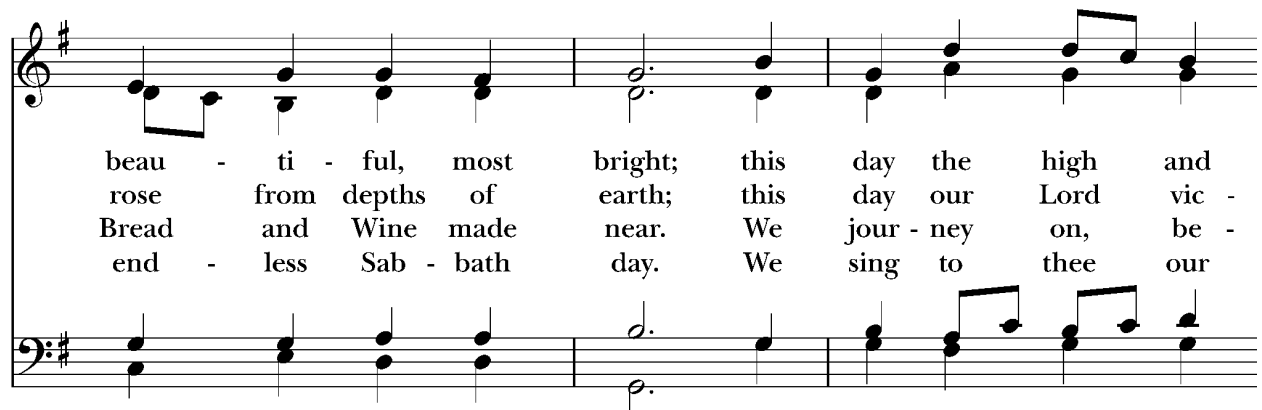
O day of radiant gladness (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein) (H 48)



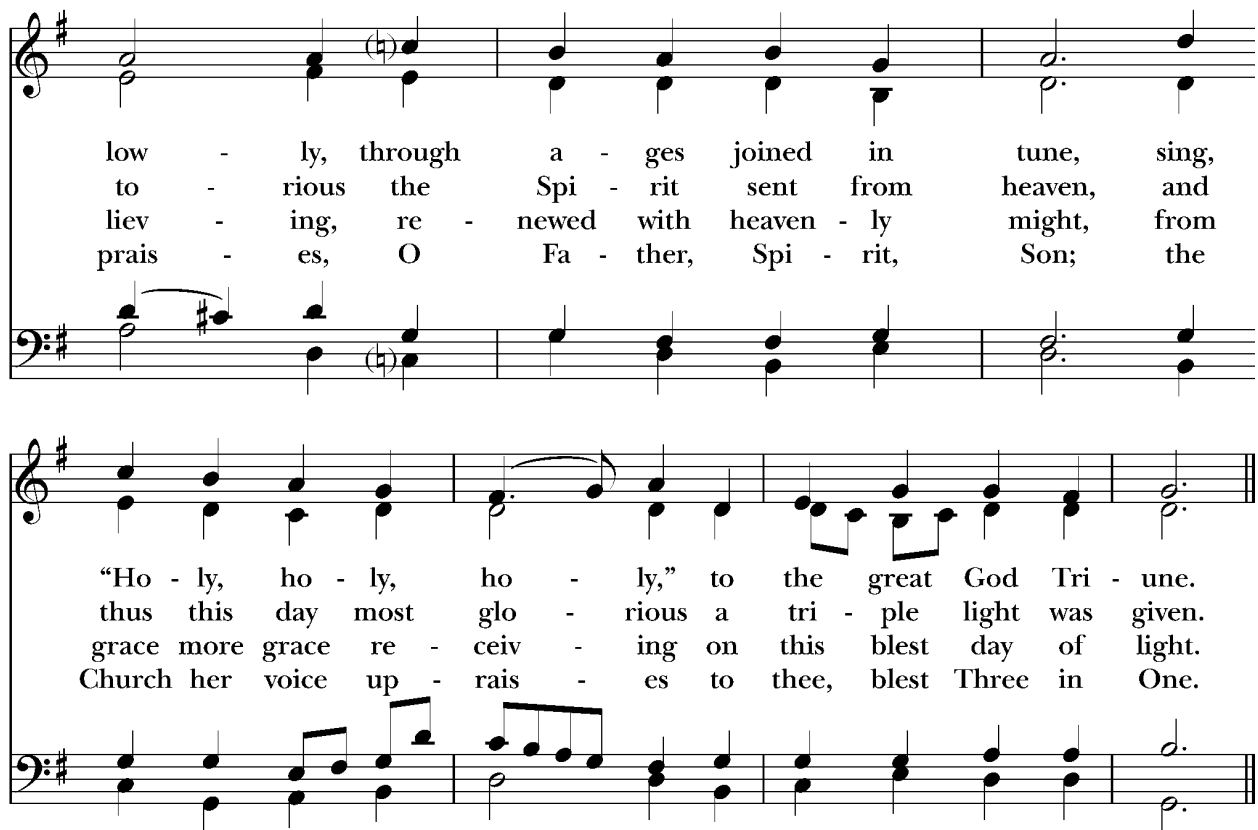
1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim



light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 18: 5 -9, 15, 31-33

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130



1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my / voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my / supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is / done amiss, *
O / Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with / you; *
there-/fore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul / waits for him; *
in his / word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the / morning, *
more than watchmen / for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the / Lord, *
for with the Lord / there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous re-/demption, *
and he shall redeem Isra-/el from all their sins.

The First Reading: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Gospel: John 6:35, 41 - 51

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Blake Thomas

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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer: you brought us into being, and we cannot exist without you.

V: Give us the strength we need for today

R: And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for Christ's body, your church, and for those who lead and for those who follow. Grant that we not grieve your Holy Spirit with our words or actions. Remind us that we are members of one another. Teach us to be imitators of you.

V: Give us the strength we need for today

R: And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those in authority across the globe. Infuse them with wisdom and speak peace into their hearts. Expand your vision for the world to every corner of the earth, to every part of your creation.

V: Give us the strength we need for today

R: And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those who carry burdens of illness, pain, anxiety, or grief. May they draw strength from your presence and comfort from those around who care for them. We pray for *N*.

V: Give us the strength we need for today

R: And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those who have died, who are now surrounded by your glory and the songs of angels. Comfort those who mourn with your promise of hope and the resurrected life.

V: Give us the strength we need for today

R: *And the hope we need for tomorrow. Amen.*

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

We the Lord's people, sung by Kenneth Goodwin

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

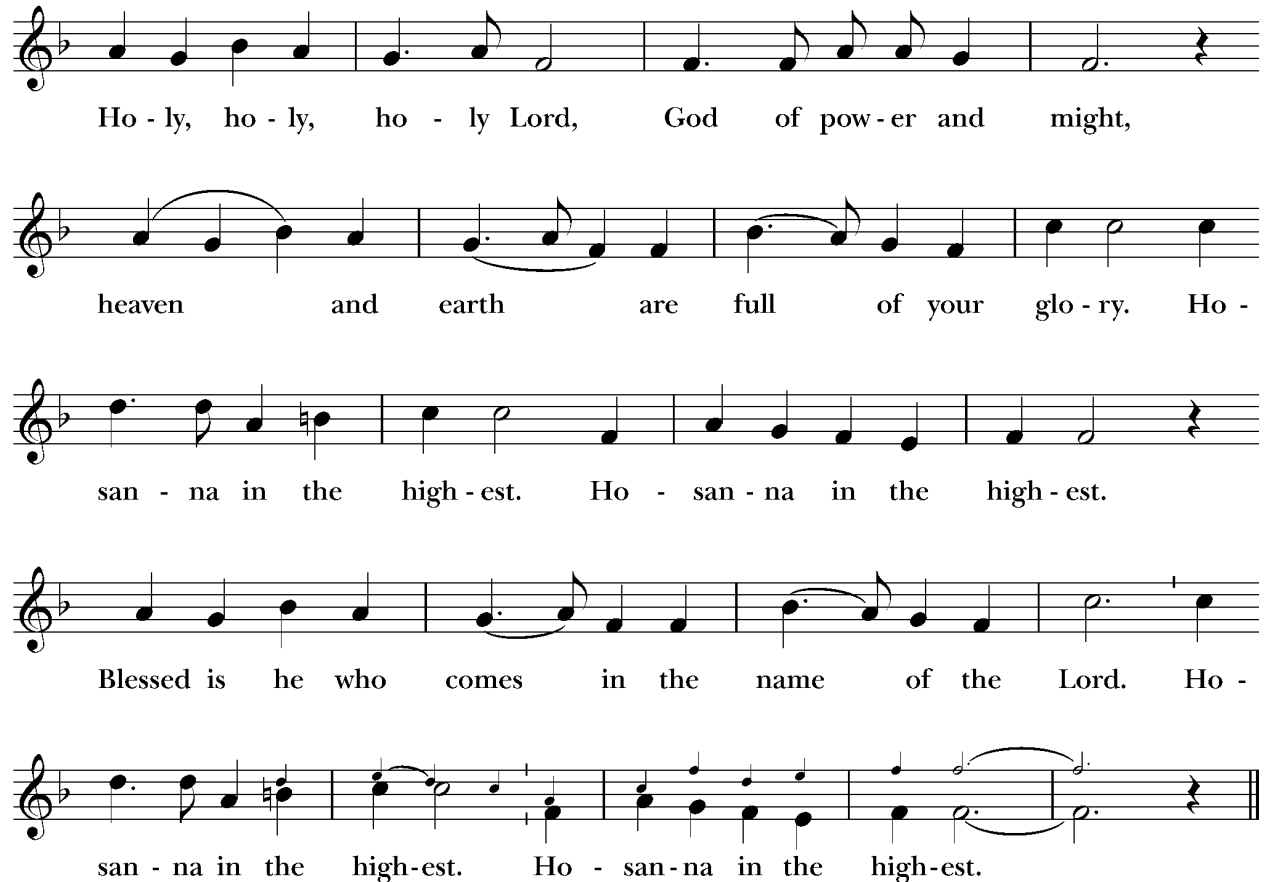
The People remain standing.

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

To thee, O Comforter divine (St. Bartholmew's) (H 514)

1 To thee, O Com - fort - er di - vine,
 2 To thee, whose faith - ful love had place
 3 To thee, whose faith - ful power doth heal,
 4 To thee, by Je - sus Christ sent down,

for all thy grace and power be - nign,
 in God's great cov - e - nant of grace,
 en - light - en, sanc - ti - fy, and seal,
 of all his gifts the sum and crown,

sing we al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
 sing we al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
 sing we al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
 sing we al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Allegro Festivo, by Noel Rawsthorn

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