

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All

Opening Voluntary

I from *Three Extemporisations*, by A. E. Floyd

III and I from *Three Church Preludes*, by A. E. Floyd

The Liturgy of the Word

Sing verses 1, 4, 5 and 7

Entrance Hymn

All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - jice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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 Cantic

A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter) Benedictus es. Domine

I. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

_____ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!_____

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er._____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

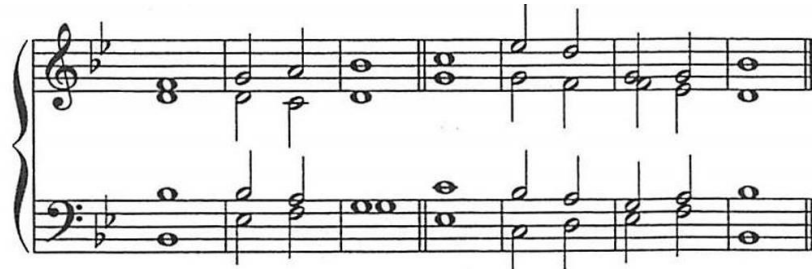
The people sit.

First Reading: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Response to the First Reading: Psalm 124



1 If the Lord had not been on our | side, *
let | Israel | *nöw* / say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our | side, *
when | enemies rose | up a-|gainst us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us | up a-|live *
in | their fierce | anger | toward us;

4 Then would the waters have | over-|whelmed us *
- | and the | torrent gone | over us;

5 Then would the | raging | waters *
have | *göne* | *right* | over us.

6 Blessed | be the | Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a | *präy* | for their | teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from
the | snare of | the | fowler; *
the snare is | broken, and | we have es- | caped.

8 Our help is in the | Name of the | Lord, *
the | maker of | heaven and | earth.

Second Reading: James 5: 13-20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee (Wer nur den lieben Gott)

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses. The first verse is: '1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through'. The second verse is: '2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part'. The second system of the score continues the melody with the lyrics: 'all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee, faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;'. The score ends with a final cadence on a whole note chord.

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Blake Thomas

Silence may be kept.

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

In gratitude for all we have received, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God, the giver of every perfect gift.

We pray for your Church, founded upon the gift of your Word, and for all who gather for worship, wonder, and praise. Pour out your blessings upon our bishops—George and Wayne—our clergy, and leadership.
Pray for the Church.

Silence.

V: May we who witness your saving acts in this world, be grateful for every perfect gift

R: Which comes from God above.

We pray for the world, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and to be wise stewards of our world. Bless and guide Joseph, our President; Greg, our Governor; the Congress and courts, and the members of our local government. May they be faithful stewards of the people they serve and work for justice and peace. Pray for the world.

Silence.

V: May we who witness your power in this world, be grateful for every perfect gift,

R: Which comes from God above.

We pray for the work of the church of St. Thomas the Apostle in our community. As we walk through this season focusing on the gifts that we have received, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. Pray for generous hearts.

Silence.

V: May we who witness the impact of our gifts, be grateful for every perfect gift

R: Which comes from God above.

We pray for our neighbors and for all who have need, both here at home and abroad. We pray for those in prison, for the sick and infirm, and for all who care for them. We pray for the poor and those who sleep on our streets, for victims of war and disaster, and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Pray for those in need.

Silence.

V: May we who witness your saving health, be grateful for every perfect gift

R: Which comes from God above.

We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Pray for the souls of all the departed.

Silence.

V: May we who witness your undying love, be grateful for every perfect gift

R: Which comes from God above.

With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the prayers of your people offered in faith. Grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, all while giving thanks for every perfect gift.

Silence may be kept.

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 Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

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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

Holy, holy, holy (Powell)(S 129)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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

Taste and See (WLP 764)



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the



Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Healing Prayer available at the rear of the Nave.

Communion Hymn

O Food to pilgrims given (O Welt, ich muss dich lassen)



1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant



hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in



ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
give us, and all we need pro - vide.
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

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 standing.

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

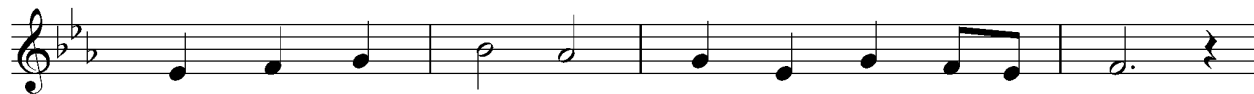
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace (Litton)



1 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go_____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we_____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace_____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

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