

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All

PRAYER LIST

Do you know someone who is in need of our prayers? Please email pam@thedoubter.org to add them to our Prayer List. Names will be kept on for the current month unless notified otherwise and those names are in *italics*.

Healing in the Lives of: Ben Gloria Ann Patricia Melba
Ginger Annie Sandy Merjen Jack Harold
Kelly David Rusty Tim George John Rodney Ronny
Linda Wynne Cody Boes Family JT Carlo Christoria
John S. Stephanie Annette Edward Dane & family Sara Gina
Malcolm Ronnie Darin Gary Don People of Houma, LA

In Thanksgiving For: This Parish

God's Grace for: Children of Belize Gary Don Tammy James
Alex

Guidance: Gwen

In Prison: Allen Orlando Steven Aaron Brandon Hank
GR Stephanie Frank

Serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Aaron Connor Joyce
Collin Tyler Jesse

Seeking Employment: Bryan Maurice Brook Robin Vicki
Trey Gabby Gabriel Gail Oliver Aarib

Rest of the Soul: J.R.

In the Diocese: Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Daughters of the King



*are given to the glory of God,
in celebration of our wedding anniversary*

by Shelley Turner & Loy Harris

Opening Voluntary

Andantino and *Interlude* by Harold Darke

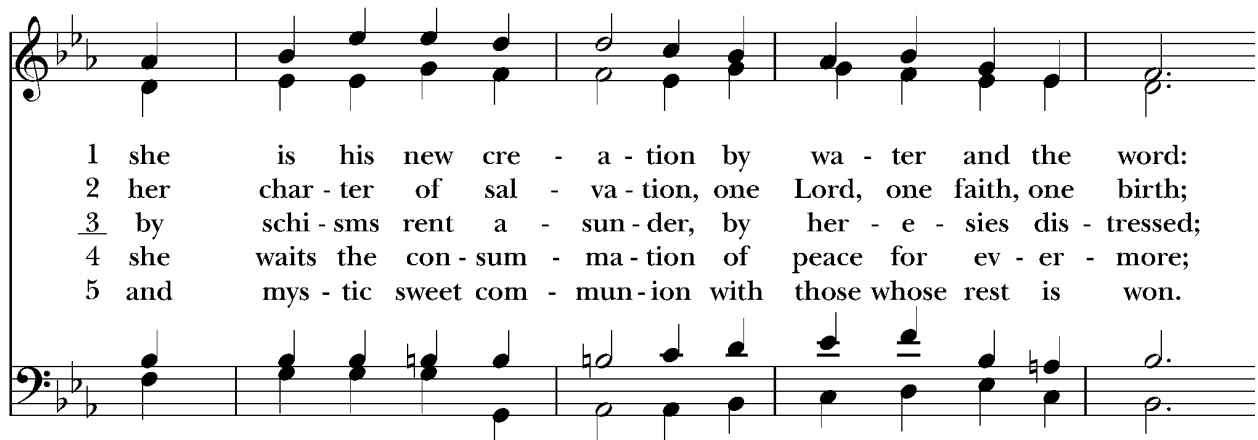
The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

The Church's one foundation (Aurelia) (H 525)



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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 Canticle

A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter) (S 236)

1. 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, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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: Proverbs 1: 20-33

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Response to the First Reading: Wisdom 7:26-8:1

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Each little flower that opens (Royal Oak) (H 405)

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.




all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

Almighty God, you spoke, and your words brought endless worlds into existence.

Remind us that our words and our lives matter. May our words and actions partner with each other in your holy purpose.

Silence

Empower the body of Christ to speak your truth to the world. Let our words and our actions be both simple and powerful, kind, and gentle. Bless our leadership with language to encourage your people to deepen their relationship with you.

Silence

Speak peace to the hearts of the world's leaders. Let their words and actions be those of integrity. Bless the children of all ages and all nations with a future that reflects your justice and loving-kindness. Give your people the courage to speak up for those who have no voice in this world.

Silence

Whisper words of hope and healing to the hearts of those who are ill or anxious and struggle with themselves or with their families. We pray for wholeness for *N*.

Silence

We pray for those who have recently been called home and pray for those who mourn their loss. When words fall short, let our presence reflect your love for them in their grief.

Silence

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts always be acceptable to you O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. 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

Jubilate, by W.A. Mozart

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

Holy, holy, holy (Hampton) (S127)



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.

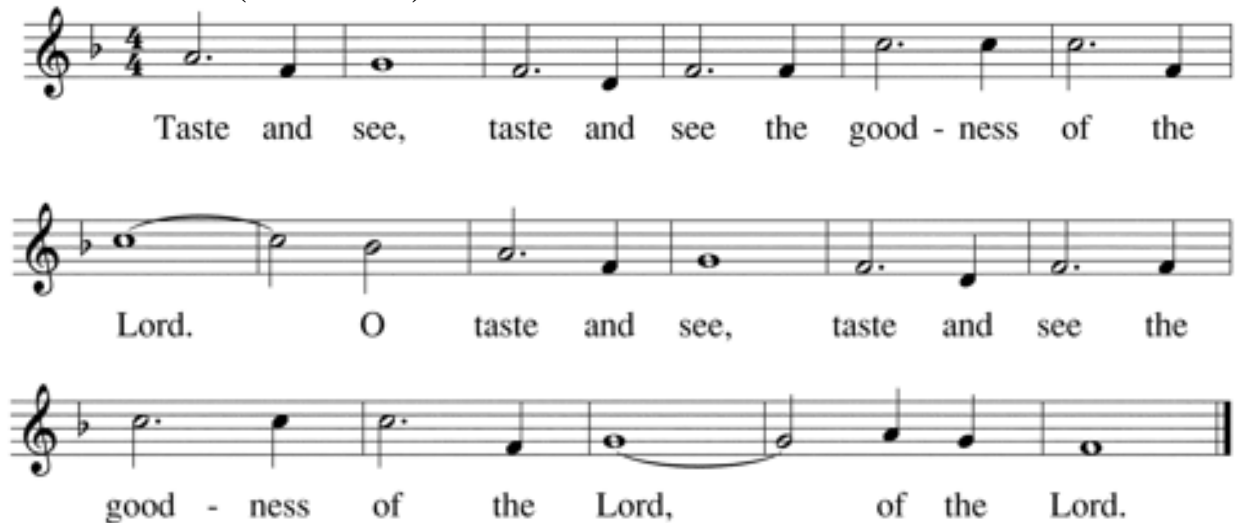
Save us from the time of trial

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)



The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and half notes.

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.

Communion Hymn

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands (Malabar) (H 312)



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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

Take up your cross, the Savior said (Bourbon) (H 675)



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Postlude in G, by Noel Rawsthorne

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Parish Schedule

Week of September 12th

12 Sunday	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Rite One Eucharist/Nave
9:00 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Zoom
10:30 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
11:30 am	Coffee and Social time/ IG
13 Monday	Office Closed
14 Tuesday	Holy Cross Day
6:00 pm	Mission/Outreach Group/SR
15 Wednesday	
Noon	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
7:00 pm	CoDA/ZOOM
16 Thursday	
17 Friday	
18 Saturday	
8:00 am	Step Up/SR
	Serving Altar Guild Members Dan Calhoun & Murray Followill
Key Code:	SR - South Room; NR - North Room; CG - Community Garden; PH - Parish Hall; CR - Office Conference Room; K - Kitchen; N - Nave; IG - Interior Garden

Parish Office hours are 8:00 am through 2:00 pm

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(Please leave message with name, call back number, and brief explanation of urgency. Fr. Christopher will receive an urgent message to call back as soon as possible.

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