

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



## **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 5, 2021

**Our Mission Statement**

*Helping Hands – Healing Hearts*

*Welcome All*





*are given to the glory of God,  
in thanksgiving for*

*my St. Thomas Family*

*by Stephen Toon*

## Opening Voluntary

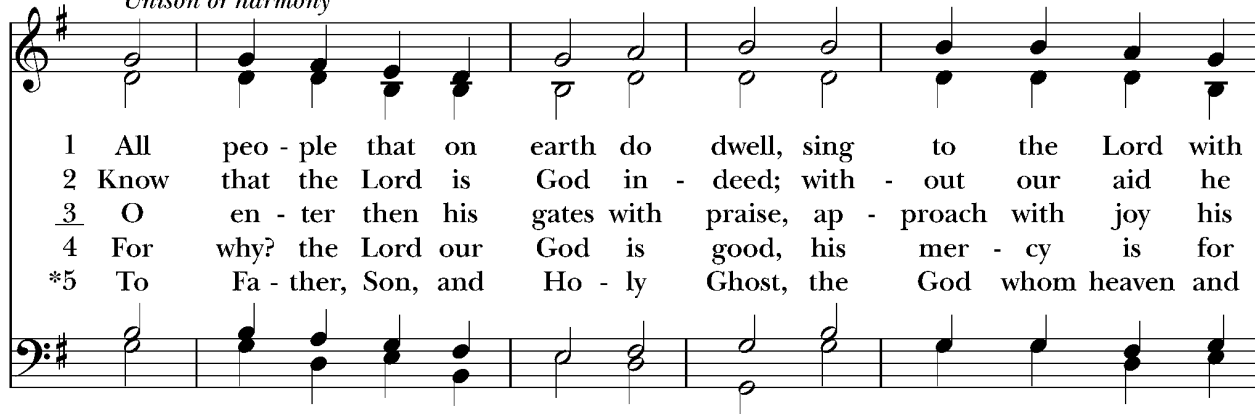
*Salve Regina* by Charles Callahan

# The Liturgy of the Word

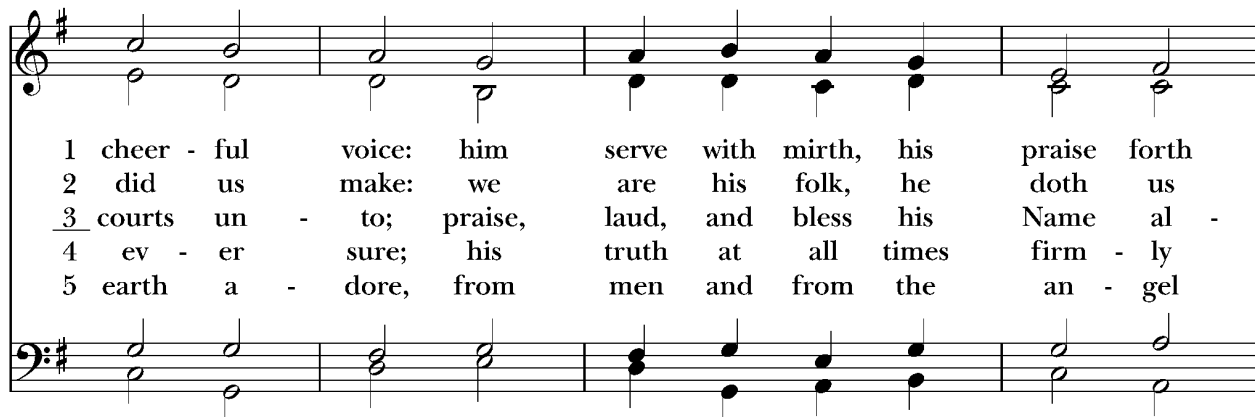
## Opening Hymn

*All people that on earth do dwell (Old 100th) (H 377)*

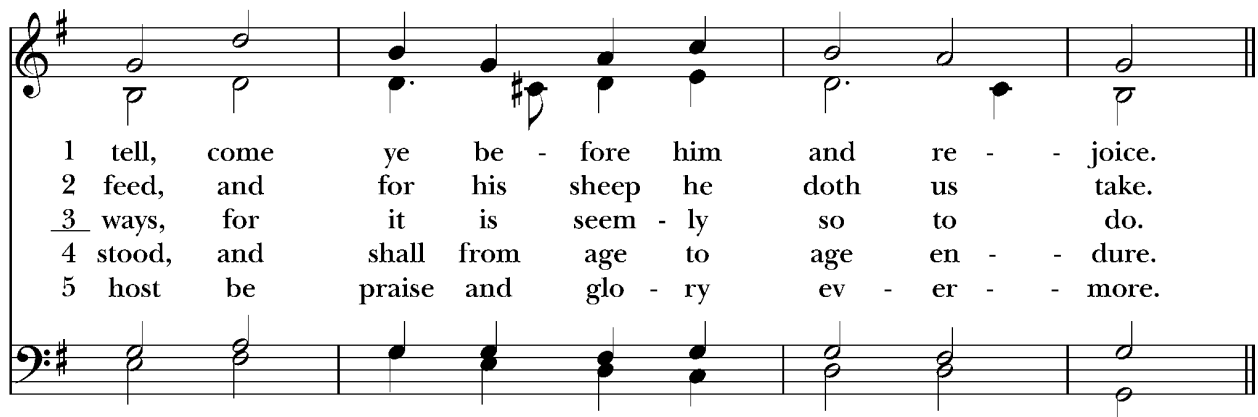
*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
\*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

## **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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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.*

**The First Reading:** Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 45



1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount / Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands / fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Je-/rusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time / forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land  
allotted to the / just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their / hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are / good \*  
and to those / who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evil-/doers; \*  
but peace be / upon Israel.

**The Second Reading:** James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17

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

*All stand.*

**The Gospel:** Mark 7: 24-37

**The Sermon**

Mr. Allen M. Junek

**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**

We are humbled by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who support your mission of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts.

Pray for the Church.

#### *Silence*

We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits.



Pray for the world.

*Silence*

We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer: *N.*

Pray for those who are suffering.

*Silence*

We are grieved by the loss of those who have died, especially *N.*, recently departed. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit.

## **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

*Father of mercies, sung by Randy Lacy*

## The Great Thanksgiving

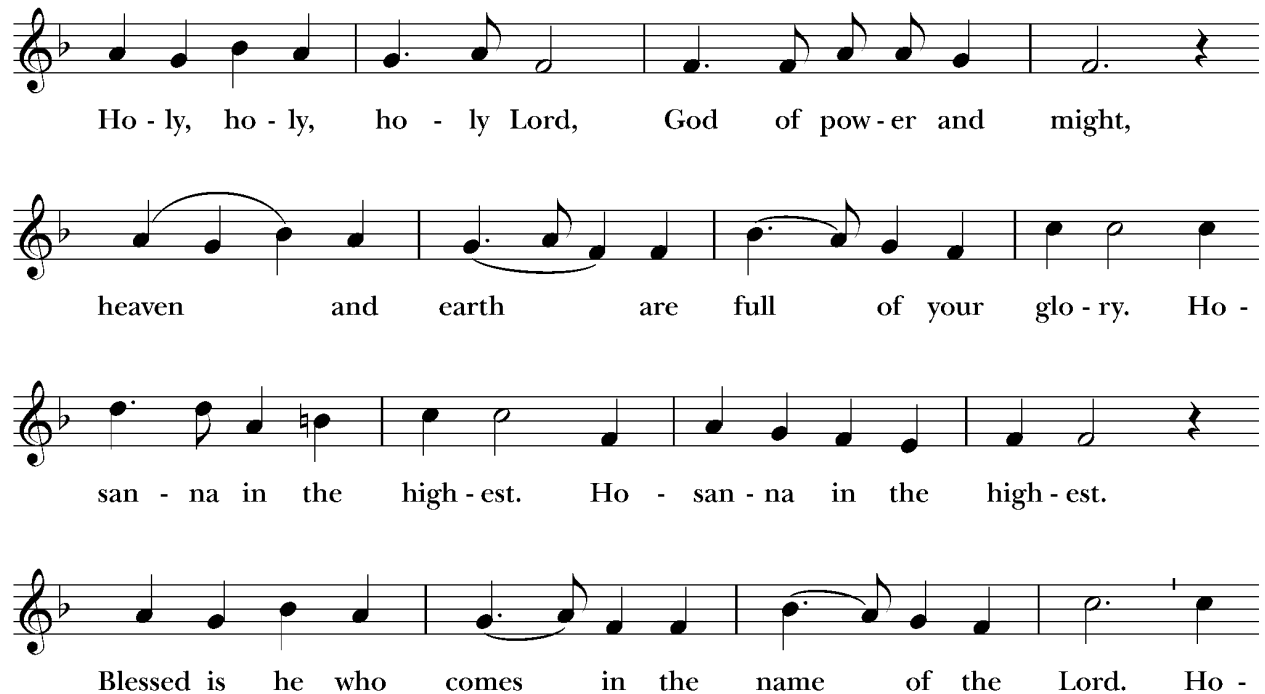
### Sursum Corda

*The People remain standing.*

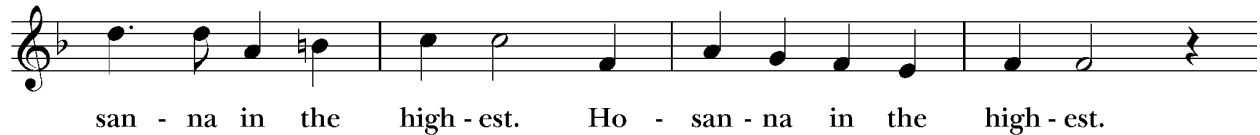
*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### 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 -



*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*

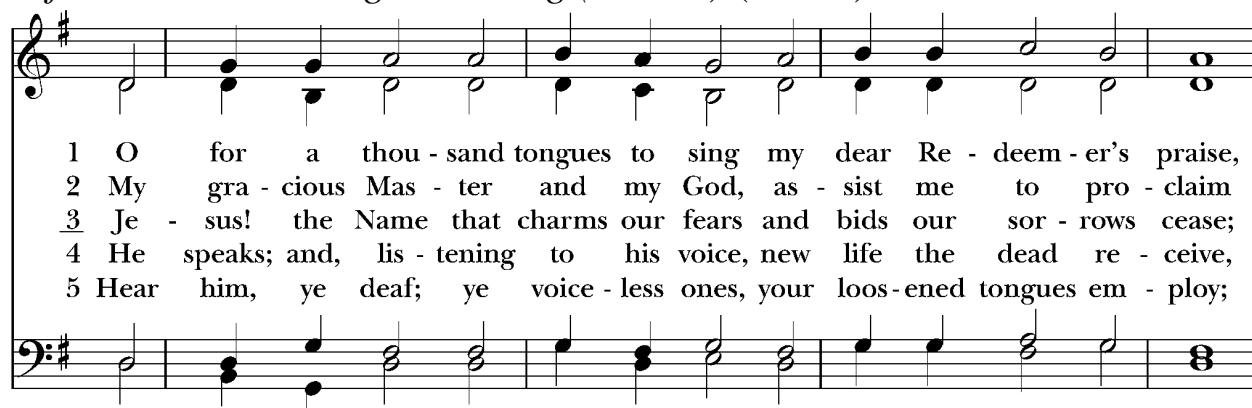
Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

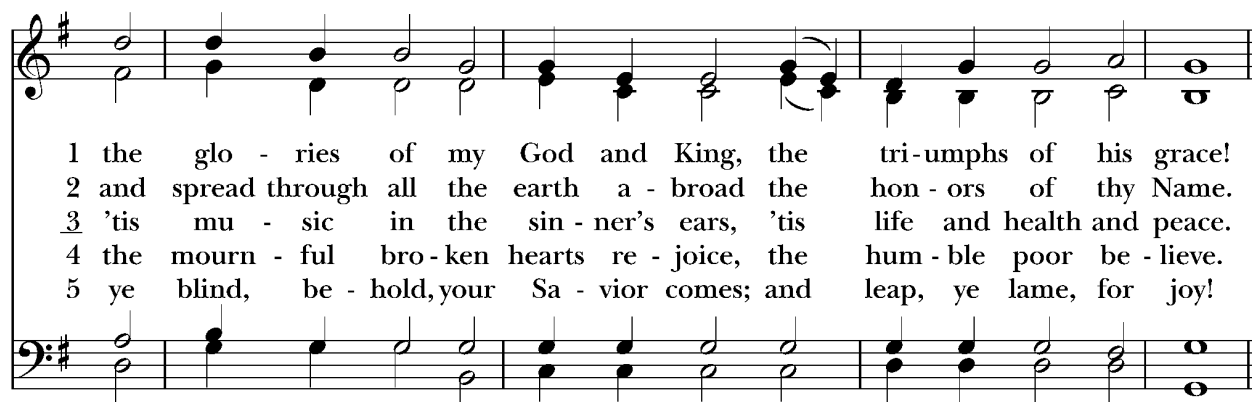
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

## Dismissal

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

## Closing Voluntary

*Toccata* by Gordon Young

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