

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



## **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 19, 2021

**Our Mission Statement**

***Helping Hands – Healing Hearts***

***Welcome All***

# Opening Voluntary

*Andantino* by Frank Bridge

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Hymn

*God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh)*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

## 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.

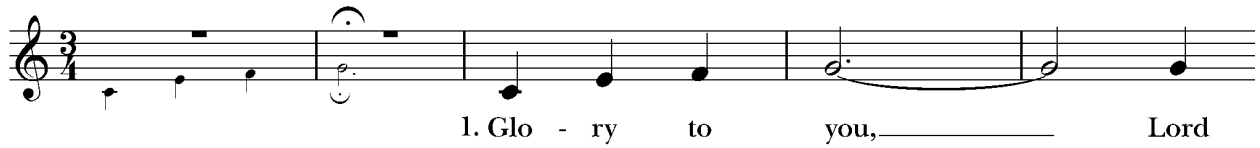
## Collect for Purity

*The People standing, 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.*

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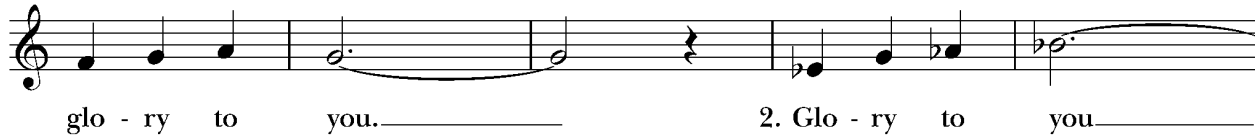
*A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter) Benedictus es. Domine*



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord



God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



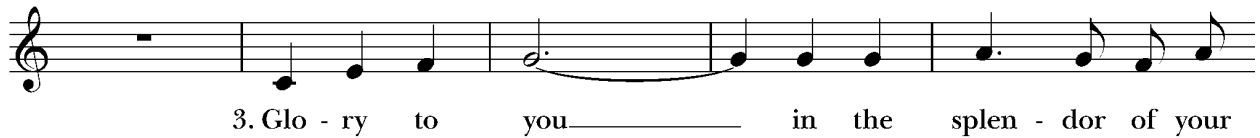
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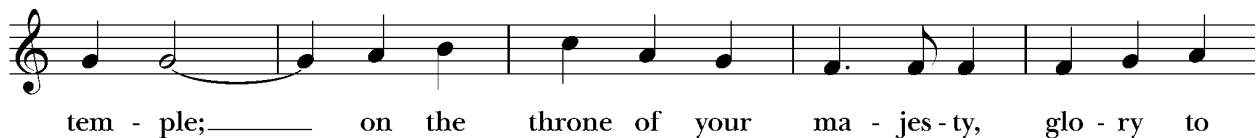
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will



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



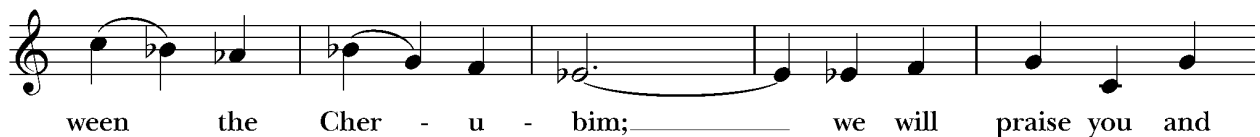
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your



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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

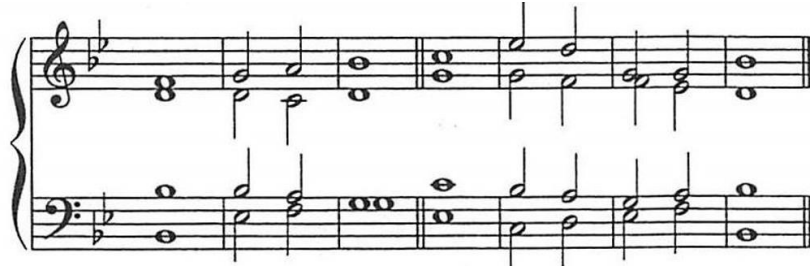
*The people sit.*

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-31

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Response to the First Reading: Psalm 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the | counsel of the | wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor | sat in the | seats of the | scornful!

2 Their delight is in the | law of the | Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his | law | day and | night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not | wither; \*  
- | everything they | do shall | prosper.

4 It is not | so with the | wicked; \*  
they are like | chaff which the | wind blows a-way.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment | comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the | council | of the | righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the | way of the | righteous, \*  
but the | way of the | wicked is | doomed.

## Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane)*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

**The Sermon**

*Silence may be kept.*

The Rev. Sandi Michels

**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 look to you, O God, to teach us how to be whom you created us to be. Shine your light on the path ahead. Catch us when we take a wrong turn, and by your Spirit, move us in the right direction.

V: We are your children;

**R: Teach us how to live, O God.**

We yearn for peace but are constantly at war with ourselves, our neighbors, and the nations throughout the world.

V: We are your children;

**R: Teach us how to make peace, O God.**

We, your church, are easily distracted by things that don't matter. Turn our eyes to you; open our hearts to you; deepen our love of you. Bless our bishops, priests, and deacons. May we teach each other how to walk in love.

V: We are your children;

**R: Teach us how to serve you, O God.**

Our bodies ache, our spirits are restless, and our minds grow weary with constant worry. Lead us to a place of wholeness and make each of us agents of healing in this world. We pray for those who have asked our prayers today: *N*.

V: We are your children;

**R: Teach us how to trust in your healing embrace.**

When a dear one dies, we ask that you receive them into your eternal kingdom as promised. We pray today for the repose of the soul of *N*, recently departed. Assure those who grieve that you will not leave them desolate in their sorrow but hold their loved one close to your heart.

V: We are your children;

**R: Teach us the way home to you.**

*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 Doubler 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**

*Psalm 121*, by Robert J. Powell

### **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**

*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

### The Fraction Anthem

*Taste and See* (WLP 764)

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Taste and See'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the'. The second staff contains: 'Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the'. The third staff contains: 'good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns with some rests and ties.

*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

*Come with us, O bless'd Jesus (Werde munter)*

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
\*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
\*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
 ev - er - peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

## 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

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons)*

*Descant*

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, \_\_\_\_\_ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Closing Voluntary**

*Psalm 19, by Benedetto Marcello*

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