The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All

Opening Voluntaries

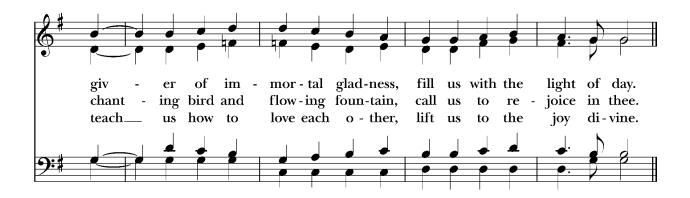
Andante by Charles Wood Improvisation by Henry Ley

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore thee (Hymn to Joy)





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.

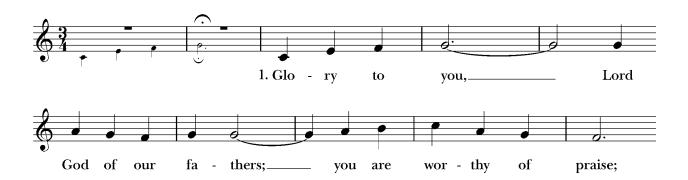
Collect for Purity

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*.

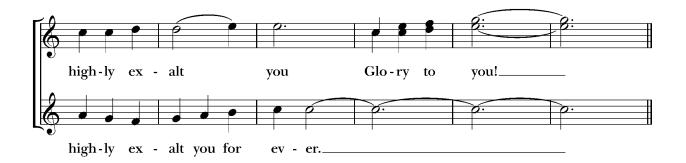
The Canticle

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









The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

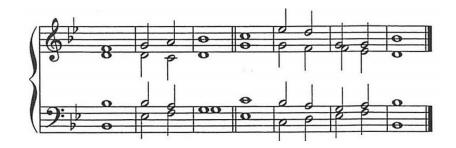
The people sit.

First Reading: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Response to the First Reading: Psalm 26



1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have | <u>lived with</u> in-|tegrity; *
I have trusted in the | Lord and | have not | faltered.

2 Test me, O | Lord, and | try me; * ex-|amine my | heart and my | mind.

3 For your love is be-|fore my| eyes; * I have | wälked | faithfully with | you.

8 Lord, I love the house in | which you | dwell * and the | place where your | glory a-|bides.

11 As for me, I will | <u>live with</u> in-|tegrity; * redeem me, O | <u>Lord</u>, and have | <u>pity</u> on | me.

12 My foot stands on | level | ground; * in the full assembly | I will | bless the | Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

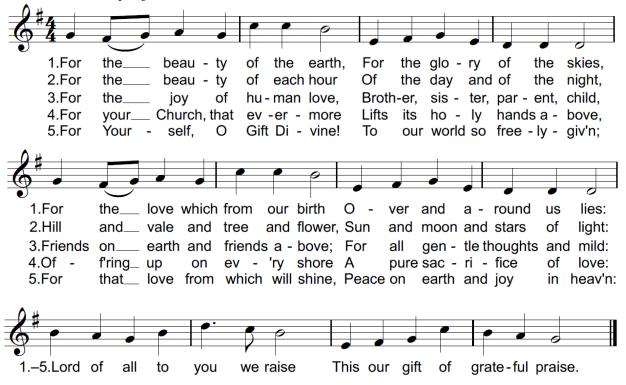
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

For the Beauty of the earth



The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen J. Waller

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

Sursum Corda

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

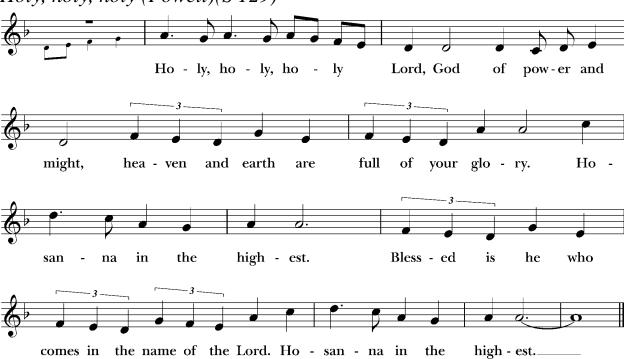
People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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)



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

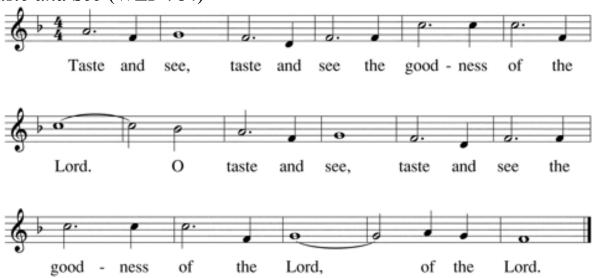
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,

The Breaking of the Bread

now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Taste and See (WLP 764)



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 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.

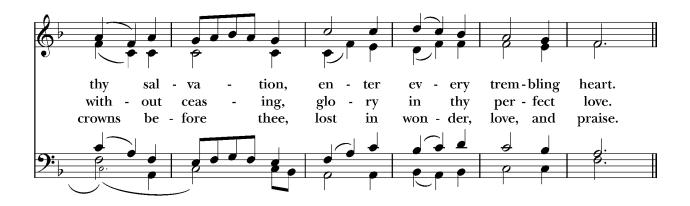
Blessing

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

Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) (H 657)





Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Choral Song by Samuel S. Wesley

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