

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023



Welcome to the House of God!

In the quiet before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

During the exchange of the peace,
greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

After the service, converse with each other at the coffee hour.

Morning Prayer II

Prelude

Arlene Harouff

Please Stand

Processional: “Take my life, and let it be”

82 Hymnal 707

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. **BCP p. 78**

Please Sit or Kneel

Confession of Sin

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Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please Stand

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

***People:* And our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Please Sit

Psalm 26:1-8

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand
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The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Please Sit

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Lector: A Reading from Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand-
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The Song of the Redeemed

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Please Sit

The Third Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

Lector: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Please Stand

Hymn: "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

82 Hymnal 513

Please Sit

Homily

Please Stand
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The Apostle Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please Sit or Kneel
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The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Officiant: Let us pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: Just as we feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, let us give prayers for all in danger and need.

Officiant: For +Diana our bishop and +Michael our Presiding bishop, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

***People:* Lord, have mercy**

Officiant: For mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant; For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: For workers and their organizations, and for those who employ and manage them.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: For farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: For the sick and the suffering, travelers by land, by water, and by air, prisoners, captives, and their families, and all those in desperate need. For healing for Bishop Michael+ Curry, Tracey, Arlene, and those we name silently or aloud. For all who take comfort in all 12-step programs.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

***People:* To you, O Lord.**

Officiant: God of glory, who calls us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, hear the prayers we offer this day and so transform the peoples of this earth that they may know your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Please Stand

Officiant: Let us pray

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good
works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please Sit

Thanksgivings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Offertory:

“Day by day, dear Lord”

Please Stand
82 Hymnal 654

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen ♪**

Officiant: Bless the offering to Food Bank or Kindness Club

Please Sit or Kneel

The General Thanksgiving

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**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give
you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and
to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation,**

preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

Recessional: “What wondrous love is this”

82 Hymnal 439

Officiant: Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Thank you to Everyone Who Served Today!

Today

Officiant: Sally Clay
Music Arlene Harouff
Crucifer: Carl Browning
Lector: Janice Wolcott
Greeters:
Altar: Charlotte Lough
Coffee Hour: Darcy Newton-Irving

Next Week (Sept 10)

Celebrant: Rev. Tony Petrotta
Arlene Harouff
LEM: Ted Balestreri
Julie Balestreri
Darcy Newton-Irving
Janice Wolcott

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 9 Birthday Party for St. Thomas Episcopal !! 1-3pm**
- Sept 10 Holy Eucharist, Rev. Tony Petrotta, 10am
- Sept 17 Morning Prayer, 10am
- Sept 24 Holy Eucharist, Rev. Tony Petrotta, 10am

Ongoing Events

- First Sunday each month - food gathered for Dallas Food Bank is blessed
- Food can be brought throughout the month
- Third Sunday each month - School supplies and Kindness Club ingathering
- Mondays - Adult Ed led by John Krenkel 5:00-6:00p
- Tuesdays - Al-Anon meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Wednesdays - AA Topic Discussion meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm



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