



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:30 am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

Prelude

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

Gloria

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Sung by the Cantor

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.**

First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so

that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

Psalm 114

When Israel Was Going Forth

Kentucky Home

Sung by the Cantor

When Israel was going forth from out of Egypt's land,
and Jacob's house from foreign tongues they could not understand,

to be God's holy dwelling place, God's choice on Judah fell,
and there as God's dominion took God's chosen Israel.

The sea beheld and fled away; the Jordan stopped its flow.
The mountains skipped like rams; the hills like lambs skipped to and fro.

O sea, why did you run away? O Jordan, why turn tide?
You mounts and hills, like rams and lambs, why leap on every side?

O tremble, earth, before the Lord; the God of Jacob fear;
God made the rock a water pool, the stone a fountain clear.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Herbert Jones

The Nicene Creed

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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 - Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Officiant 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 Absolution

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace will be shared with a bow or wave or peace sign and will not include handshakes, hugs or other physical touch. Thank you.

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant together

**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 Celebrant breaks the bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Altar Flowers are given by Margaret Woody in memory of her late mother, Julie Arnette Lerke's birthday.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Celebrant

The Rev. Herbert Jones

Readers

Kate Parthemos, Spike Panilaitis, Steven Hennessee

Ushers

Spike Panilaitis

Musicians

Jimmy Hicks, keyboard
Allison Yablonski, cantor

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the ill, and those in need of special prayer:

Beth, Lincoln, Liz, Mary, Amy & Cushman Andrews, Peter Anthony, Will Armstrong, Gary Axelson, Glen Boyd, Linda & Ray Brady, Amy Brill, Gil Caldwell, the Carrington Family, Becky & Brett Carter, Becca Chamberlain & Family, Gary Coleman-Blythe, Jim Crews, Janee Davenport & Family, Harry Duesberry, Joanna Dunevant, Phil Eckert, Anne Garrard, The Gau & Menefee Families, Beth Gordon, Tony Halterman, Paul Harris, Patti Heindl, Claudia Hicks, Laura Hilendbrand, Sarah Lerke, Barry Lindberg, Matt Mahoney, Vicki Mollenhour, Bertha Morene, Matthew Puerto, David Rockwell, Marina Smith, Betty Wade, Doug Waldrop, Eloise Ward, Judy Wick, Beth Williams

For those who have died.

For those who serve in the armed forces: Jeff Sacks, Capt. Pete Michalak

For those celebrating their birthdays this week: Terry Gau, Kate Parthemos, Patrick Gilmore, Anne LaGow, Heather Beck, Mary Thomas, Rad Burt

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of South America

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Stephen's, Culpeper; Trinity, Washington; St. Andrew's, Ada, Marshall

For Richmond: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private and religious schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9/20 - 10:30 am - YouTube Holy Eucharist Rite II with Spiritual Communion

9/27 - 10:30 am - Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II

Worship will be available online for those unable to attend in person.

10/4 - 10:30 am - YouTube Holy Eucharist Rite II with Spiritual Communion



Welcome back to St. Thomas!

We've missed you and are so glad we are here – together again!

Whether we're back in person or continue to worship and participate from home, we cannot imagine a better theme for our September reunion than 'One Together'! This is a theology you hear at the beginning of every baptism in The Episcopal Church.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

It is so true – regardless of our physical distance or our digital worship, we are indeed called by God to be 'One Together' through our faith and baptism.

We encourage you to get involved in our worship life in the coming year! Every member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church is invited to spend all year together exploring, naming, and engaging how we are 'One Together' in God's works at St. Thomas.

Tell us ... where do you see our faith uniting St. Thomas with our surrounding community? How, in our multitude of diverse gifts, are we 'One'? Where do you see hope in the ways our congregation lives deeply into our baptismal covenant? We will explore these questions in our faith formation throughout the year.

Being 'One Together' at St. Thomas has a great impact for us and for our community. We will highlight the increasing impact of our parish near and far beginning Sunday, September 13th at worship and in adult education, which is also when you will receive your pledge packet. If you can't join us in person, please plan to drive by after services to pick up your pledge packet and some lunch for your family!

Make plans now to join us!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, you are welcome to be 'One Together' at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We are so glad you're here.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Herbert Jones, Rector
The Rev. Frank Castellon, Retired Deacon
Katie Cosby, Robinson Minister for Children & Youth
Jimmy Hicks, Organist/Choirmaster
Andrea Marcinkevicius, Sexton

Kelly Kane, Day School Director
Abby Outlaw, Parish Administrator
Christi McFadden, Financial Administrator
Gary Williams, Treasurer
Jessamy Austin, Nursery Attendant
Barbara Tate, Nursery Attendant

Current Vestry Members are: Beth Geiger Bolstad, Roger Bowers, Rad Burt (Senior Warden), Kim Kacani, Lane Lenzi (Junior Warden), Vera Meier, Spike Panilaitis, Rob Peck, and Jeannie Wyant.

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