

St.Thomas

THE APOSTLE



Serving as the hands of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Variations: Christ is My Life's Salvation - Pachelbel

Please stand as able

Opening Hymn: 10 We, the Lord's People (vs 1 & 2)

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us out of sin and darkness
into his own light,
that he might anoint us a royal priesthood.

This is the Lord's house, home of all his people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;
all find a welcome.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

One: Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional unceded
territory of the Algonquin Nation.

All May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Apostolic Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Collect for Purity

One: Almighty God,
**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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

One: Glory to God in the highest,

All: 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

One: Let us pray.

**All: Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

One: A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps. 149

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

All: Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

One: Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

All: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

One: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

All: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

One: To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

All: To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

One: To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

One: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Please stand as able

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

One: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

One: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: "Lord in your mercy"

Response: "Hear our prayer"

Confession and Absolution

One: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

One: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

One: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

One: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.

Greet each other while staying in pews with a nod or wave

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: 327 Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore (vs 1 & 3)

Lo! God is here! Let us adore,
and own how awesome is this place!
Let all within us feel God's power,
And bow before the hidden face.
Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove,
Serve you with awe, with reverence, love.

Being of beings! May our praise
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;

still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will;
to you may all our thoughts arise,
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

The Prayer over the Gifts

One: Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won
for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this,
you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Our Father

One: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Holy Communion

One: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Today we will remain in our seats for communion. Fr. Tim will come to each seat and offer communion, those of you who don't want communion please cross your arms across your chest and he will offer a blessing. After receiving the bread and once Fr. Tim has moved away, remove your mask using the ear loops, place the wafer in your mouth and replace your mask.

Fr. Michael will then follow with hand sanitizer, if you have taken communion please sanitize your hands.

Anthem: As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams –
arr. Tredinnick/Harkin

Prayer after Communion

One: Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

One: Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

THE DISMISSAL

Announcements

Dismissal

One: Go in peace to love and serve the lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: 627 The Voice of God Goes Out (1&4)

The voice of God goes out to all the world,
and glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, Christ will walk his way

Postlude: Dialogue - Couperin

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