

St.Thomas

THE APOSTLE



Serving as the hands of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: Elegy ~ George Thalben-Ball

Please stand as able

Opening Hymn: 350 Stand up and Bless the Lord, v. 1 & 4

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord of hosts with heart and soul and voice.

God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

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.

All: 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: Almighty God,

you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you.

Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who

hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

One: A reading from the book of Exodus

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.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps. 114

One: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

All: Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion

One: The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

All: The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

One: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

All: You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?

One: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

All: Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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 honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour 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 judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement 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.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Then 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."

One: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: 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 43 From all the Wind's Wide Quarters

From all the wind's wide quarters, come, see the feast is spread,
Of soul-sustaining waters, of true and living bread;
Of sorrows long-departed, and joys beyond compare
Come, poor and humble-hearted, the feast of life to share!

With mercy all-prevailing God bids the wanderer come;
In grace and peace unfailing invites the children home.
With loving-kindness tender, God frees us from our sins
In glory and in splendour the feast of life begins!

Come, claim the promise spoken! God's purpose stands secure.
The fruitful word unbroken shall evermore endure.
All ancient bondage ended to sin's corrupting powers
Forgiven, freed, befriended, the feast of life is ours!

The Prayer over the Gifts

One: Holy God,
 accept all we offer you this day.
 May we who are reconciled at this table
 bring wholeness to our broken world.
 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Hymn: 50 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling,
Of the glorious body sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the nations' Lord and king,
Once on earth among us dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

That last night, at supper lying
with the twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made flesh, by word He maketh
Very bread His flesh to be;
Wine His blood: for whoso taketh
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone, the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing,
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, thanks and praise addressing
While eternal ages run,
And the Spirit's power confessing,
Who from both with both is One.

Anthem: Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken ~ arr. Vaughan Williams

Prayer after Communion

One: God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this 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: 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised, v. 1 & 4

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me see thy footmarks
And in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Postlude: If You But Trust in God to Guide You~J. S. Bach