

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation
June 7, 2026
10:00 AM

The Celebrant & Homilist: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of the Diocese of PA
Chaplain to the Bishop: The Rev. Canon Jane Gober
Assisting: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw
Deacon of the Mass: The Rev. Andrea Gardner
Vergers: Eugene Golson and Karen Ragland
Music Ministry: St. Thomas Chancel Choir
Livestream/Sound Ministry: Quentin Heyward/Teri Tillman and Marie Golson

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Meditation
The Prelude

Verger
St. Thomas Music Ministry

The Opening Hymn – “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

1982 Hymnal #680

1) O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2) under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3) Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4) A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5) Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

The Welcome

The Rector

The Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Pg. 299

The Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. AMEN

The Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

The People: There is one hope in God’s call to us;

The Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

The People: One God and Father of all.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also with you.

The Bishop: Let us pray

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

The First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Deborah Camp-Frye

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 33:1-12

August James Wexler

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

But the LORD's will stands fast forever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Thomas G. Lynch, IV

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord

The People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn – "No, Not One"

Lift Every Voice and Sing" (LEVAS) #90 (vv. 1-3)

**1) There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases, No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one.**

**2) No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!**

**3) There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Deacon Andrea Gardner

The Priest: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

The People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Hymn- "No, Not One"

LEVAS #90 (v. 4-5)

**4) Did ever saint find this Friend forsake Him? No, not one! No, not one!
Or sinner find that He would not take him? No, not one! No, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!**

**5) Was e'er a gift like the savior given? No, not one! No, not one!
Will he refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! No, not one.
Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!**

**The Homily
The Call to Christian Discipleship**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of the Diocese of PA
The Rector

The Liturgy of Holy Baptism, Confirmation/Reception/ Reaffirmation

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	BCP Pg. 301
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP Pg. 304
The Prayers for the Candidates	BCP Pg. 305
The Baptism	BCP Pg. 307
The Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations	BCP Pg. 309

The Baptismal Bible Presentations

Guild of the Christ Child

The Peace

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

The People: And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory Sentence and Offering

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The Offertory Musical Selection

St. Thomas Chancel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also with you.

The Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

The People: We lift them to the Lord.

The Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Bishop and the People - The Sanctus (Sung)

**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.

The Bishop

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation (Sung)

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

The Bishop: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, forever and ever. AMEN

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop: Christ our Passover is sacrificed.

The People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei (Sung)

The Bishop: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The People: Have mercy upon us.

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The People: Grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN

The Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Communion

All baptized persons who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to receive the Holy Sacrament. If you only wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Bishop and the 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

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Bishop: In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

The People: We who are many are one body, and we all share one bread and one cup.

The Parish Announcements

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

The Recognition of Visitors and Guests

The Rector

The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel

The Rector

The Pontifical Blessing

The Bishop

The Closing Hymn- "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

LEVAS # 207

**1) We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time,
Somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine;
In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
We will understand it better by and by.**

**Chorus: By and by when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we're overcome;
For we'll understand it better by and by.**

**2) We are often destitute of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter thirsty hills and barren lands;
We are trusting in the Lord, and according to His word,
We will understand it better by and by. [Chorus]**

**3) Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand,
All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land;
But He guides us with His eye and we'll follow till we die,
For we'll understand it better by and by. [Chorus]**

**4) Temptations hidden snares often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed for many a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by. [Chorus]**

The Dismissal

Deacon Andrea Gardner

The Postlude

St. Thomas Music Ministry

All are invited to Anderson Hall for a reception with the Bishop.