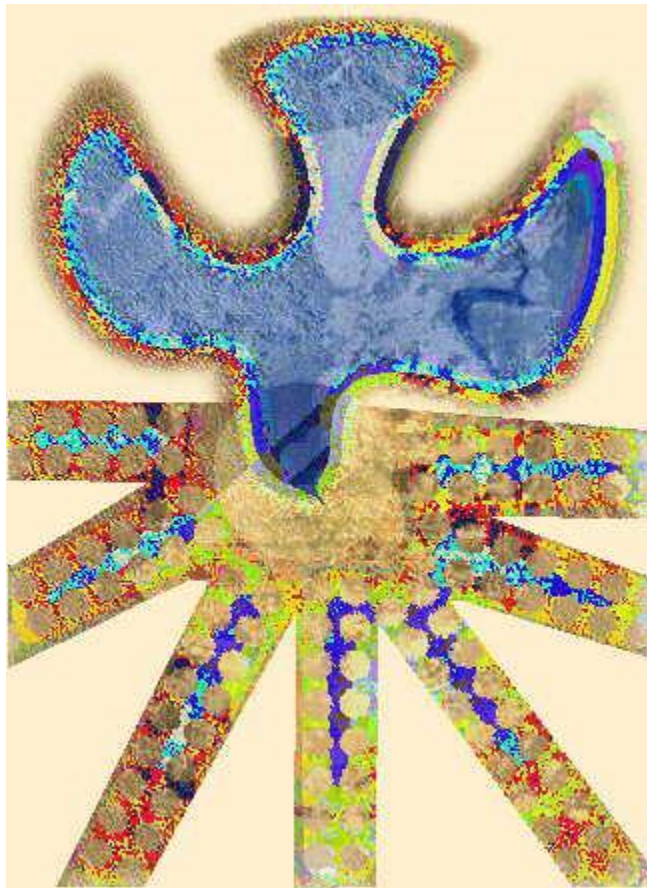


ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

10:00 am - Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We praise God for the Resurrection of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks,
the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book.*

Prelude

"Canon in D Major"

Johann Pachelbel

**The Entrance Hymn
Blue Hymnal 448**

"O Love How Deep!"

DEUS TUOUM MILITUM

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant and People together say

The Collect for Purity

**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.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

Blue Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may
obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66: 7-18

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O bless the Lord; come all rejoice! Let songs of praise resound!
For in the midst of our distress, God's presence can be found.

[Refrain]

The rule of ancient law required burnt off'rings for my part;
A nobler sacrifice is mine; I offer God my heart.

[Refrain]

O would that all, in every place, knew God as I have known;
God shares my joy, and in my grief will leave me not alone.

[Refrain]

Bless God, all you who would the lies of sinful lips disprove;
With truth God shall sustain your way, your life with steadfast love.

[Refrain]

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation **Green Hymnal 848**

"Alleluia with Verses"



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 14: 15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Hartley

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

In the power of resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, for Benison Farm, and other farms, gardens, and those who tend them, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our priests; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in high places of authority, and living into the resurrection life, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, especially Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken, our Mayor, and all those in civic authority, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all military personnel for a safe deployment, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, especially for those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we now name, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance (especially for _____), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Please kneel.

Deacon Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All **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.**

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

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.
People **Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*To sustain us until he comes for the final time
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him*

The Offertory Anthem
Chancel Choir

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. [John 14:15-17]*

Please stand

The Presentation Hymn “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

The Great Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

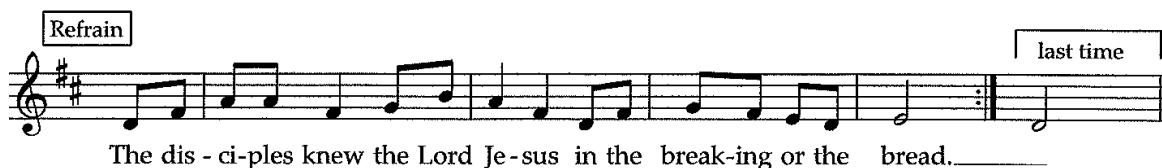
A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

"The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus"

Green Hymnal 877

WLP, 877



All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. As part of our life together at St. Thomas Church, we continue a ministry practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ – the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. If you wish additional prayer for any reason, please gather around the Baptismal font after you receive Holy Communion. We welcome you to participate in this life-enriching ministry.

Communion Anthem

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Green Hymnal 763

The Post-communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.

The Easter Blessing

Please stand

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal 439

"What Wondrous Love is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

The Dismissal

Deacon With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

"Fantasia"

Johann Pachelbel

Today's Communion Wine: Land of Saints GSM 2020 from Land of Saints Wine Company, Orcutt, CA. It's a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, donated by Mary Clark.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of god and in memory of our Mothers, Irene Dzivra and Shirley Bernfeld by Pat and Dave Bernfeld.

Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founder's Room.

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

No chapel service May 10, 2023

SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Marsha, Mari, Madison, Ed, Yvonne, Christie, Howard, Ann, Jean, Jan, Brooke, Greg, Deborah, Kathy, Tina, Tony, Pat, David, Janet, Kim, Joe, Dorothy, Billy, Toni, Brenda, Marissa, and Katrina.

HONDURAS TEAM PRAYER LIST

Adrienne Ruga, Colin Burkhardt, Geordie Stutzman, Grace Smith, Judith McAllister-Lewis, Laura Reitan, Luis Quixtan, Marlene Dersch, Mary Clark, Rick Smith, Russ Martin, Tracy Kelso, Lisandro Flores, Carolina Miden, Sergio Castro, Cesar Davila, and all others who are helping to make this trip possible!

Happy Mother's Day

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL EUCHARIST

Wednesday, 5:15 pm

MORNING PRAYER

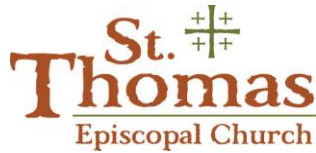
Monday – Friday, Chapel 9:00 am

OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

OUR VISION

To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith
and spread love out into the beloved community.



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Thanks to those who are helping today ...

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Nicolas, Dominic Nicolas
Altar Guild: Pat Bernfeld, Beth and David
Gould, Laura Labbee
Camera Operator: Joy Howerton
Chalice Bearer: Mark Howerton, Dudley
Savage
Coffee Host: Liz Stiles
Flower Guild: Pam Holley, Elizabeth Alison
Healing: Liz Stiles
Lector 10am: Michael Mahoney, Jaime Elstun
Musicians: Chancel Choir, Mike Davis, Director
Oblations: Susan and Steve McMullen
Prayers of the People: Joe DiOrio
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Mary Clark
Lee Coryell, *Jr. Warden*
Wade Hamby

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