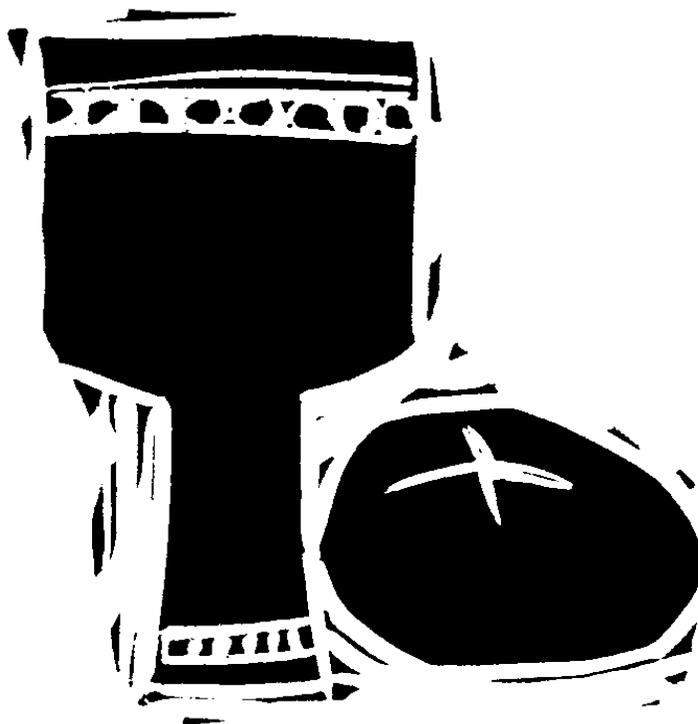


ST THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Mass on the Grass

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The People Gather in the Lord's Name

Instrumental Prelude

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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.*

Opening Hymn: *"Down to the River to Pray"*

(The congregation is asked to sing the numbered verses, as the ensemble takes the refrain)

*As I went down to the river to pray,
telling you about them good old days
and who should wear the starry crown.
O Lord, show me the way.*

1. O sisters, lets go down,
Down, down, don't you want to go down?
O sisters, lets go down:
Down to the river to pray.
2. O brothers, lets go down,
Down, down, don't you want to go down?
O brothers, lets go down:
Down to the river to pray.
3. O fathers, lets go down,
Down, down, don't you want to go down?
O fathers, lets go down:
Down to the river to pray.

4. O mothers, lets go down,
Down, down, don't you want to go down?
O mothers, lets go down:
Down to the river to pray.

5. O sinners, lets go down,
Down, down, don't you want to go down?
O sinners, lets go down:
Down to the river to pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD, Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (read responsively by full verse, beginning with the lector)

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Sequence Hymn *Wade in the water*

Refrain *(sung by all)*

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children;
wade in the water:
God's gonna trouble the water.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Children's Talk and Sermon

The Rev'd Leslie Burkardt, Rector

Response of Faith: The Children's Creed *(said in unison, standing if able)*

I believe in God above.
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe in the Spirit too,
giving life to me and you.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Celebrant or Deacon bids the people to prayer, saying

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Prayer Leader continues

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All join in saying

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Prepare the Table

Offertory Music: “*A Living Prayer*”

Ron Black

Make Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Enriching Our Worship*)

The people remain standing.

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.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
 and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
 You brought forth all creatures of the earth
 and gave breath to humankind.
 Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
 all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises
 we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the
 one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
 your Word has never been silent;
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
 Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life,
 reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed
and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and]
all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Break 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.

Share the Gifts of God

Music at the Communion: *“Jesus, won’t you come by here”*

“On the wings of a dove”

Refrain: On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends his pure, sweet love;
A sign from above
On the wings of a dove.

Go Forth into the World

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing):*

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound*

Stanza 1 will be sung by the vocal ensemble; the congregation joins at stanza 2.

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.
 And grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.

3. The Lord has promised good to me.
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come;
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

All repeat stanza 1, unaccompanied

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Better Late than Never

Following today's service, please join us for a picnic on the church lawn

Assisting in Worship

Lectors: Amy Feller, Ellie Nace
Prayers: Susan Chazan
Chalice: DeWain Feller, Lois Giess
Carolyn Mok, Dawn Wilkins
Crucifer: Mike Cougler
Greeter/Ushers: Lisa Hand, Lisa Jordan, Susan Pickhardt
Welcome Hosts: Dick Laidlaw, Janet Morse
VPOD: Linda Blair

*Our thanks to Better Late Than Never and guests:
Mark Costello, Mike Detty, Chase Ellison,
Jenni Logan, Bruce Pegg, Andrea Stridiron,
for leading today's music.*

Sound Engineer: Joe Barone, Keyboard Repair

*Special thanks to the Parish Life Committee
for organizing today's picnic.*

PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Diocesan Prayer Cycle and our Parish Prayer Calendar, your intercessions are requested for: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Prince, our Bishop; St. John's Chapel at Hobart & William Smith Colleges; the clergy, staff and vestry of St. Thomas'; victims and survivors of Hurricane Dorian.

Your prayers are requested for:

Those who are sick or in special need of our prayers: Allan Carroll, uncle of Mollie McCormick; Amy Deck, niece of Kathleen Merritt; Sharon King, friend of Wendy Petry; Mario Melidone, friend of the Mabbs; Judy Piken, friend of Andrea Stridiron; Mary Quertermus, sister of Jane Smith; Daryl Sander, cousin of Dale Charney; Diane Sawdey, sister-in-law of Connie Barker; Jacqueline Williams, mother of Suzanne Lanyak

Those in continuing need of our prayers: Marlene Allen, Phil Baader, John Brown, Miggs Coleman, Millie Courtemanch, Mike Detty, Marion Fey, Natalie Findlay, Alison Fletcher, Jere Fletcher; Ginny Fogle, Mark Garner, Art and Maureen Holtzman, Kim Klein, Kyleigh Keukelaar, Marlene Liebmann, Margy Mayk, Ann McNabb, Roxanne McNamara, Jim McLaughlin, Mort Nace, Lisa Overacker, Alfie Paasewe, Abraham Philip, Beverly Place, Craig Powell, Betty Rouleau, Helen Stamas, John and Marian Toth, Jean Troutner, Gertie Wiegert.

Those serving in the armed forces: Joey Andrews, Evan Davies, Tom Dimiero, Jared Hicks, Justin Illes, Adrian Jope, Bryant Locke, Cameron Mabb, Darren Mitcham, Salim Rollog.

Please note: When parishioners ask that a friend or loved one be added to our "special need" prayer list, their name normally remains for one month, unless removed earlier by request. After that time, the prayer request can be renewed on a monthly basis. Those with long-term health issues can be added to our "continuing need" list, which is updated occasionally as needs arise.

Our Mission

*St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is a welcoming spiritual community
dedicated to following the teachings of Christ Jesus.*

We grow through learning, celebrate joyful worship, and serve our neighbors.

Our Vision

We open hearts and minds to create community in Christ.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

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