

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*The First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)*

*Holy Eucharist: Rite II*

*29 May 2021, 6pm*

*30 May 2021, 8am, 10.30am*



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## **Our Protocol Has Changed:**

During this season of coronavirus infections, please demonstrate your love for your friends and neighbors by:

1. Wearing a mask (covering both mouth and nose)
2. Masks are optional outdoors or while leading liturgy (e.g., reading, preaching) for *those who have been "fully vaccinated"*
3. Remaining six feet apart from anyone we don't live with
4. Refraining from touching, hugging and shaking hands
5. Avoiding sharing common objects such as pens, paper, water bottles, etc.

# Welcome to St. Thomas'!

**We are pleased you have come to worship with us today!** St. Thomas' welcomes all regardless of age, abilities, physical or mental health, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, income, education, political affiliation or faith commitment. The things which bind us are greater than the things that separate us, and the love of God is greater than all our divisions.

**Children are welcome at all services.** Childcare is not available during this season of Corona virus precautions.

We extend a special welcome to **Rowan students!** We are here to support you in your journey during this season of life.

We understand the **Holy Eucharist**, also known as Communion, as participation in the Body of Christ. As such, it flows from the vows we have made in baptism. It is a weekly reminder and recommitment to continue in regular worship, to repent from evil, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in everyone, and to respect the dignity of every human being. All who seek Christ – of every age and tradition – are invited to share in Holy Communion. Instructions are provided in this bulletin at the appropriate place in the service.

The **offering plate** will not be passed during this season; it has been set out on a table for your convenience. Or you may give by clicking the “Donate” button at [www.stthomasglassboro.org](http://www.stthomasglassboro.org). Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Thomas'!

*Bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.*



# *The Holy Eucharist*

*Rite II (BCP 355)*

## **We Gather in God's Name**

### **Greeting**

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

*Presider:* 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**

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

## Salutation

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

*The people are seated.*

**The First Lesson**      Isaiah 6:1-8

*Reader:* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**      *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **The Second Lesson**     Romans 8:12-17

*Reader:*     A reading from the epistle to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader:*     The Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## **The Holy Gospel**     John 3:1-17

*Deacon:*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

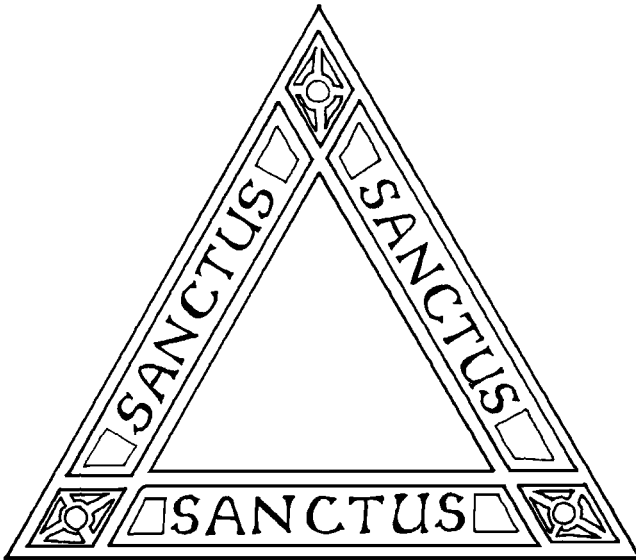
*The people are seated.*

**The Homily**

*Sat:* The Rev. Todd Foster

*Sun:* The Rev. Bob Fitzpatrick

*Silence follows the homily.*



## **We Respond in Faith**

*The people stand as able.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## The Prayers of the People

Today the response to the prompt, “Lord, in your mercy” is, “**Hear our prayer.**” The final verse and response, as we “offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ,” is “**To you, O Lord.**”

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel or stand as able. Silence may be kept. Minister and People:*

**People: 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Passing the Peace is primarily a liturgical practice, not a social one. While the threat of Covid-19 is prominent, the peace will be brief. Please do not move around or make contact (shaking hands, hugs) with others. Instead you are invited to look to the person on either side of you and wish them peace with a bow or a wave.*

## The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Announcements

**Offertory Hymn**

*Immortal, invisible*

Hymnal 426

## We Offer Ourselves To God

*The altar is prepared in silence. Then the people stand as able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider continues:*

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

*A Proper Preface may be used here.*

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

### **Sanctus**

**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 Presider continues:*

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 and eternal 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."

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:*

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

*Presider:* 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 yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**People: 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **We Receive the Gift of God**

### ***Receiving Communion during Covid:***

*Please remain where you are, standing or seated in prayer. After the presider has received the Sacrament in both kinds, donned a mask, and carefully sanitized hands, the presider will bring the sacrament to each person in turn.*

*If you wish to receive communion physically:*

- 1. Hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. The presider will drop the host into your hands without making contact.*
- 2. Wait until the presider has moved away to remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask.*
- 3. Communion will be offered in one kind only (just the bread). This is still full communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion physically:*

- 1. Cross your arms over your chest. The presider will offer you a blessing instead, again without touching.*
- 2. You are invited to utter the Prayer for Spiritual Communion while communion is being distributed.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*(from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services)*

## The Post-communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**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.**

## The Blessing

**Processional Hymn**     *St. Patrick's Breastplate*                     Hymnal 370

## The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*In order to minimize the possibility of infecting others, please exit the campus immediately.*

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# Summer 2021 at St. Thomas'

**Last day of Sunday School: 13 June**

**Summer Worship Schedule begins on 14 June:**

- Holy Eucharist on Lawn: **Sundays, 10am** (*note change in time!*)
- Centering Prayer Online: Mondays, 4pm
- Holy Eucharist at Lychgate: Wednesdays, 5.30pm (except in July)
- Holy Eucharist in Nave: Saturdays, 6pm (Evening Prayer in July)
- Recordings and live-streamed access to worship services will continue to offered online.

**Adult Formation (all online):**

- Book Group: Mondays, 7pm (except July)
- Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7pm
- Bible Study- Ruth: Wednesday, 7pm (12 May – 9 June)
- “Seeing Dead People”: Historical Controversies of the Christian Faith, led by Jonathan Wilson: Wednesdays, 7pm (7, 14, 21 July)

**VBS in person: See registration info. below (18-22 July)**

**Church Picnic at Camp Sun N’ Fun: 7 August, Noon**

**Family Movie Night on the Lawn: 27 August, 7.30pm**

**Rally Day & Picnic: 12 September, Picnic follows 10am service**



## Vacation Bible School

**July 18-22, 2021  
(in person)**

**Must RSVP by July 1, 2021  
to [vbs@stthomasglassboro.org](mailto:vbs@stthomasglassboro.org)**

## Announcements

We welcome **Father Bob Fitzpatrick** to preach and preside today!

If you brought **3 non-perishable items for Kitchen of Hope** for Trinity Sunday, please leave them in the bin outside the Kitchen of Hope building!

Join the **ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Annual Meeting**, online June 5 at 10 a.m. We will acknowledge our Student Service Award Recipients for 2021, and we also will remember our necrology, remembering and praying for all Episcopal Church Women who went home to the Lord this past year. Register at <https://is.gd/ecw2021annual>

Glassboro's **Memorial Day Parade and solemnities** are a great opportunity for St. Thomas' to be out around our neighbors. The parade starts at 10am, with a service of remembrance at the town square to follow.

## This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday	5/31	10.00am 4.00pm 7.00pm	Glassboro Memorial Day Parade Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	6/1	7.00pm 7.00pm	Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew
Wednesday	6/2	5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate) Bible Study: Ruth (Zoom)
Saturday	6/5	6.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave)
Sunday	6/6	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall, Zoom) Sunday School (Zoom) Holy Eucharist (live, outdoors) Youth Game Night (online)

Lectionary readings for next week: *1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Andrea, Bob, Jimmie, Bill, Kass, Sandy, Floss, Mary-Esther, Patty, Dean, David, Lois, Michael, Bianca, Kayla, Evelyn, Tal, Jackie, Richard, Taylor, Sid, Becky, Dorothy, Chuck, Jo-Ann, Sally, Ethan*

### Parish Leadership

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