

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5)

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

5 June 2021, 6pm

6 June 2021, 8am & 10.30am

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.

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

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

Bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.

During this season of coronavirus infections, we love others as Jesus loves us by following a simple guideline:

Those *not fully vaccinated* against Covid-19 must wear a mask and practice social distancing while on church grounds.

Masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.

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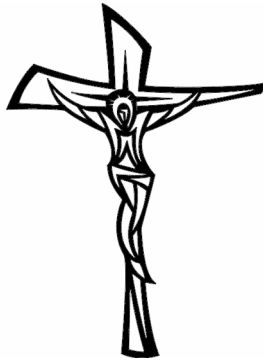
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Welcome to St. Thomas'!

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. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Thomas'!



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: 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.**

We Hear God's Word

The people are seated.

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Reader: A reading from first Samuel.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards

and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.' So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

**4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Reader: A reading from Paul's second epistle to the church in Corinth.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture —'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 3:20-35

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

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

The crowd came together, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even

eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The Homily

Silence follows the homily.

The Rev. Todd Foster

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. Please respect the boundaries of others who may have a different level of concern about Covid-19.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BCP 830

Everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of June, or anyone wishing to stand in for someone close to them celebrating such an event, is invited to come to the front at this time. Facing the congregation, tell us your name and the event you are celebrating.

A prayer for a birthday:

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor,
we pray, on your servants as they begin another year.
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and
strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of
their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn

How Great Thou Art

LEVAS 60

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. Communion will be offered in one kind only (just the bread). This is still full communion.

If you wish to receive communion physically, hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. The presider will drop the host into your hands without making contact.

If you do not wish to receive communion physically, cross your arms over your chest. The presider will offer you a blessing instead, again without touching. 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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* LEVAS 70

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries
at St. Thomas'
June 2021**

June Birthdays

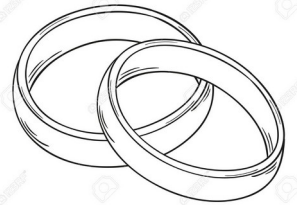
- 1 Cecilia Rocco
- 1 James McCarthy
- 1 Chase Brown
- 1 Sandy Oliver
- 2 Kaitlyn Mueller
- 3 Rich Drobil
- 3 Chris Hernandez
- 5 Jim Gibbs
- 7 Myles High
- 7 Jonnell High
- 8 Marie LaFreeda
- 9 Matthew Wenner
- 11 Rachel Carpinelli
- 15 Wendy Stuber
- 15 Susan Helsel
- 16 Agnola Vyent
- 18 Terry Demiduke



- 19 Evelyn Reehle
- 23 Pat Watras
- 23 Claire Bryan
- 27 Mark High
- 28 Nancy Floyd
- 29 Eli Foster
- 30 Robert Freda, Jr.
- 30 Rich Veasey

June Anniversaries

- 6 Bryan & Sarah Appleby-Wineberg
- 10 Joe & Andrea Rizzuto
- 11 Dan & Mary Jo Haubrich
- 19 Eric & Nicole Sproesser
- 27 John & Mary Esther Fritz



If your birthday/anniversary is not listed, please contact the office so we can add it! office@stthomasglassboro.org

Announcements

Watch your mail this week for a **Pentecost Letter** with our summer schedule and a campaign raising money for **Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey!**



June 13, 2021

Last Week of Sunday School

Have a great summer!!



Vacation Bible School

July 18-22, 2021
(in person)

6:00-8:00 pm

For Kids from Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Must RSVP by July 1, 2021
to vbs@stthomasglassboro.org

This Week at St. Thomas'

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| Monday | 6/7 | 4.00pm 7.00pm | Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | 6/8 | 7.00pm 7.00pm | Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew |
| Wednesday | 6/9 | 5.30pm 7.00pm | Kitchen of Hope Setup Holy Eucharist (Lychgate) Bible Study: Ruth (Zoom) |
| Saturday | 6/12 | 10.00am 6.00pm | Kitchen of Hope Food Distribution Holy Eucharist (Nave) |
| Sunday | 6/13 | 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm | Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall, Zoom) Last Day of Sunday School (Zoom) Holy Eucharist (live, outdoors) Youth Group (online) |

Lectionary readings for next week: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Andrea, Bob, Jimmie, Bill, Floss, Mary-Esther, Jackie, Richard, Taylor, Sid, Becky, Dorothy, Chuck, Jo-Ann, Sally, Ethan*

Parish Leadership

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