

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*The Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6)*

*Holy Eucharist: Rite II*

*12 June 2021, 6pm*

*13 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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# 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](http://www.stthomasglassboro.org). Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Thomas'!

**Our weekend schedule changes to summer-mode next week!**  
**Celebrate the Holy Eucharist on:**

Saturdays at 6pm (indoors and online)

Sundays at 10am (outdoors)

Wednesdays at 5.30pm (outdoors)

*(Wednesday Eucharist doesn't meet in July.)*



# *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:* Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

*The people are seated.*

**The First Lesson**      1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*Reader:* A reading from first Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have

rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 20**      *Exaudiat te Dominus*

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

**2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

**4 Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.**

5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the LORD grant all your requests.

**6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

**8 They collapse and fall down, \***  
**but we will arise and stand upright.**

9 O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

**The Second Lesson**     2 Corinthians 5:6–17

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader:*     The Word of the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**The Holy Gospel**      Mark 4:26-34

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*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.*

## The Announcements

**Offertory Hymn**

*Jesus Loves Me*

LEVAS 218

## 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**    *Come, we that love the Lord*    LEVAS    12

## The Dismissal

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

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

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From the mail: *Thank you for your contribution of \$330 to the Lenten Series Fund benefiting St. George's College, Jerusalem. Your contribution to the North American Committee helps to ensure that the College will come through this challenging time able to continue its mission. Dean Richard Sewell and the dedicated staff of the College are extremely grateful for the support of people like you. They look forward to the time they can again welcome pilgrims to the Holy Land.*

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# ST. THOMAS' CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC

Saturday, August 7, 2021 - 12 noon to 6 P.M.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, rolls and refreshments will be provided. Please circle one of the items below that you wish to contribute and return this paper to Terry or Barbara Cadogan (856-582-5940 or 609-876-7245) by July 30, 2021. Keep the next page as your reminder. If you prefer, you may write in a specialty dish. Thanks for your help. See you there!

We will need plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware, and tubs for ice the week before. Please sign up on the board by the water fountain in the Parish house if you can bring any of these items or if you would like to help with games. Thank you!

## SALADS, ETC

Potato salad  
Macaroni salad  
Pasta salad  
Tossed salad  
Coleslaw  
Deviled eggs  
Baked beans  
Salad dressings

Sliced tomatoes  
Pickle - slices  
Celery sticks  
Ketchup  
ICE - a lot!

## SNACKS

Potato chips  
Pretzels  
Tortilla Chips  
Corn chips  
Crackers  
Cheese balls  
Dip

## GARNISHES

Lettuce  
Pickle - sticks  
Cheese slices  
Mustard

## DESSERTS

Fruit salad  
Cantaloupe  
Watermelon  
Brownies  
Cake  
Cookies  
Pie

Onions  
Carrot sticks  
Olives  
Mayo

## **Directions to the Arc - Camp Sun 'N Fun**

**(1036 N. Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown, NJ. 08094, 856-629-4502).**

Take Delsea Dr. South to New Street (Rt. 689). Turn left on New St. and go approx. 4 miles. Turn right on Hurffville-Crosskey Rd. (3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light). Go approx. 0.5 miles and then turn right on Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt. 555). Continue for 1 mile and The Arc - Camp sun 'N Fun is on the left before the traffic light (Rt. 322). Campground is in the back. There is swimming, swings, volleyball, horseshoe pits and basketball courts available. We also have a schedule of games for the children.

### **Worship at 2:00 P.M.**

Reminder - I am to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the church picnic on

Saturday, August 7, 2021

12 Noon to 6 PM



## **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](mailto:vbs@stthomasglassboro.org)**

## **This Week at St. Thomas'**

Monday	6/14	4.00pm 7.00pm	Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	6/15	7.00pm 7.00pm	Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew
Wednesday	6/16	5.30pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate)
Thursday	6/17	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting (Online)
Saturday	6/19	6.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave)
Sunday	6/20	10.00am	Holy Eucharist (live, outdoors)

Lectionary readings for next week: *1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41*

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, Chrissy, John, Jessica, Jennifer, Lou*

### **Parish Leadership**

Vestry: Jim Gibbs, Carl Kinsley, Sarah Ternay, Jo-Ann Toldt,  
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