

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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8 August 2021, 10am

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:

If you have been *fully vaccinated* then masks are optional *outdoors* or while *leading liturgy*.

Otherwise please wear a mask securely covering your nose and mouth.

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We Gather in God's Name

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The people stand as able.

Greeting

Officiant:

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

People:

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

The Collect for Purity

Officiant:

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.**

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Gloria in excelsis

Officiant and People:

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Officiant:

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People:

Amen.

The people are seated.

We Hear God's Word

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Lector:

A reading from second Samuel.

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you

from the power of all who rose up against you.’ The king said to the Cushite, ‘Is it well with the young man Absalom?’ The Cushite answered, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.’

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, ‘O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’

Lector:

The word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Lector:

A reading from Paul’s epistle to the church in Ephesus.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour

and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector:

The word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel: *John 6:35,41-51*

Deacon:

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon:

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats

of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Deacon:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

A brief homily, spiritual conversation, or moment of silence may be placed here.

Silence follows the homily.

We Respond in Faith

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The Nicene Creed

The people stand as able.

Officiant and People:

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.

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Confession of Sin

Officiant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or stand as able. Silence may be kept. Officiant and 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 respect the boundaries of others who may have a different level of concern about the virus than you do.

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 people are seated.*

The Announcements

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’!

We Offer Ourselves To God

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Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
2. knees).

sun, Oh — Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

3. Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)...

Words: Traditional

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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

Presider and People:

**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.

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider:

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

Officiant and 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. (If you prefer to receive gluten-free bread, please tell the presider so.)
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 a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)

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)

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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

1
D F#m G D

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

G D G D Asus4 A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
2
D F#m G D

Al - le - lu - ia,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

G D G D Asus4 A7 D

lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements

Thank you to Dr. Barbara and Terry Cadogan for organizing this weekend's Church School Picnic!

Thank you to all those who organized and provided food for our **Family Promise** neighbors this week!

All through the summer we are **collecting funds for Episcopal Community Services**. Make your check payable to St. Thomas' and mark "ECS" in the corner.

Did you know that St. Thomas' produces our own daily podcast of **Morning Prayer**? Are you interested in listening, recording, helping with or learning about what we do? Join us for a Team Meeting: Daily Office on Thursday, 12 August, at 7pm, in the Parish Hall or online!

If you are **scheduling events** at St. Thomas' – or re-scheduling or canceling – please be sure to email the church office (office@stthomasglassboro.org) with all calendar updates. The canonical church calendar can be seen at <https://www.stthomasglassboro.org/calendar/> . An up-to-date calendar avoids conflicting events and hurt feelings: it's part of how we love one another. If your event is not on the calendar, your space isn't reserved!

Safe Church training is once again being offered live. While you can renew your training online, the first time you take it must be done in person. All Vestry members, staff, and anyone who works with children at St. Thomas' is required to have this training. For more information and for training schedules, see <https://dioceseofnj.org/safe-church-training/>.

Episcopal Relief and Development sent a thank you letter for our gift of \$802. The letter has been posted in the Parish Hall.

This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday	8/9	4.00pm 7.00pm	Centering Prayer (Nave, online) Book Group (Online)
Tuesday	8/10	7.00pm 7.00pm	Small Group Bible Study (Online) Work Crew
Wednesday	8/11	5.30pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate)
Thursday	8/12	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Cardinal Village) Team Meeting: Daily Office (Online)
Saturday	8/14	10.00am 6.00pm	Kitchen of Hope Food Distribution Holy Eucharist (Nave, online)
Sunday	8/15	10.00am	Holy Eucharist (live, outdoors)

Lectionary readings for next week: *2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Lou, Dorothy, Chuck, Jennifer, Butch, Don, Mary*

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