



SAINT THOMAS' PARISH

Episcopal Church Washington, DC



Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 24th 2017
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas' Parish: A People who are sent



In Luke 10, Jesus sends seventy of his followers ahead of him to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. St. Thomas' Parish has begun a similar journey. In the beginning of 2017, we moved out from our building for the next two years.

During that time, we will build a new church building which will position us to be better stewards and a resource to our surrounding community. During our construction, we are a church without a building of our own. This has strengthened our congregation and brought us closer together.

We are not in the process of not just waiting for a new church building. The people of St. Thomas' Parish are actively reengaging our city and discovering what God is doing in our midst. Our congregation is partnering with other congregations across Washington, DC. We give thanks to the Universalist National Memorial Church for letting us use this space on Sunday morning. We also meet at people's homes, restaurants, and other places across the city.

If you want to join us in the mission of discovering the Kingdom of God here in Washington, DC, then we invite you to join us.

Prelude

"It is well with my soul"

D. Agay

Hymn

"Guide Me Now Thy Great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

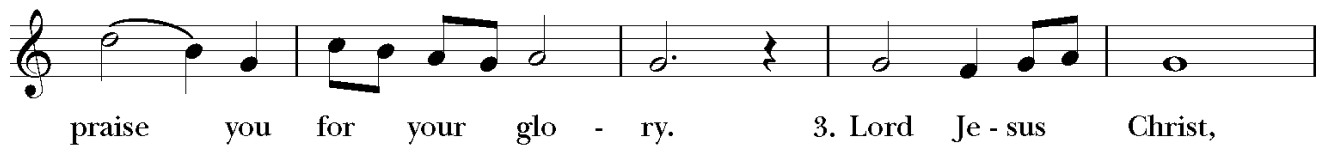
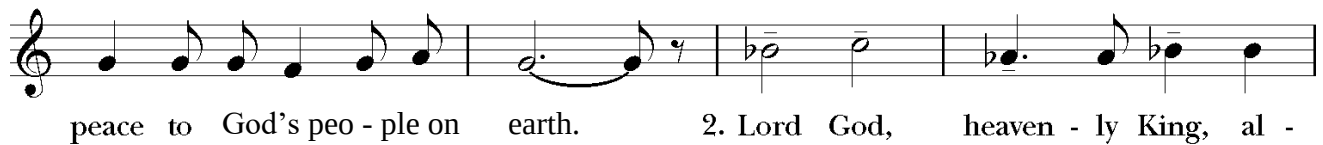
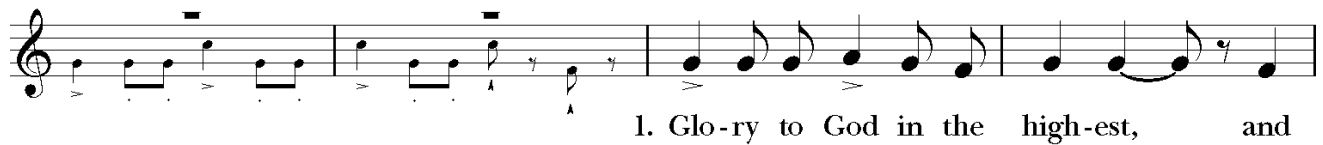
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever

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

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5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

GRANT US, LORD, NOT TO BE ANXIOUS ABOUT EARTHLY THINGS, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading – Exodus 16:2-15

THE WHOLE CONGREGATION OF THE ISRAELITES complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

✦ Sung before and after the Gospel



The Holy Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

JESUS SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Alex Dyer

✦ Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

✠ All remain standing as able

Celebrant: God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known your love, and experienced your care and provision. You call us to extend your love to the world around us— to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before you now.

Intercessor:

We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive;
those without enough food to eat, or shelter to keep them warm;
those without employment, or enough money to pay their bills;
those without access to medical care, or medicine to keep them healthy.
those affected by flood, hurricanes, or fires.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have more than enough to meet their needs,
but who continue to feel empty inside;
who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life,
who turn to alcohol, drugs, or other destructive behaviors
to try and hide the pain, who entertain thoughts of suicide.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in position of this and every government;
who serve in the White House, State Department, and governors;
who serve in Congress and state legislators;
that you increase in them the capacity for compassion.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling physically,
who are battling life-threatening disease or injury,
who are living with chronic pain,
who are coping with Alzheimers,
who are facing death or have died.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the first and the last,
and all those in between,
your grace reaches out to all of us—
life-long followers or newcomers alike.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
to work together with one mind and one purpose,
to reach out in love to those in need.
Strengthen us so that we might live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives to the building up of your reign,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel make known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Enriching our Worship

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

GOD OF ALL MERCY, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins ✠ through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of The Lord be always with you **People:** And also with you

Announcements

Invitation and Offertory Sentence

✠ *The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Priest prepares the altar.*

Offertory Anthem

"Every Praise"

H. Walker

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, Eucharistic Prayer C (adapted)

At St. Thomas' Parish, we invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive communion, take the consecrated bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread or wine but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

GOD OF ALL POWER, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

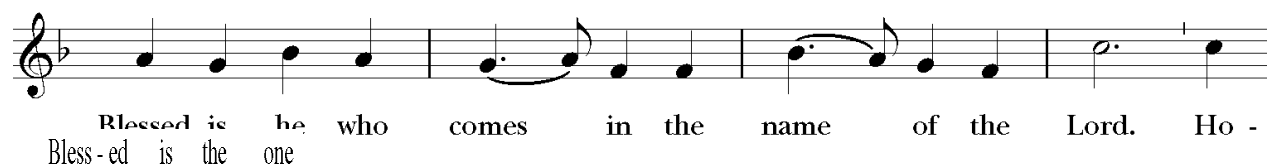
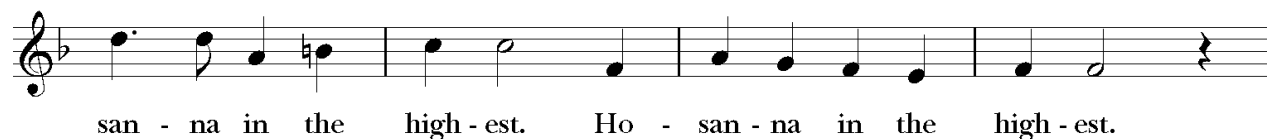
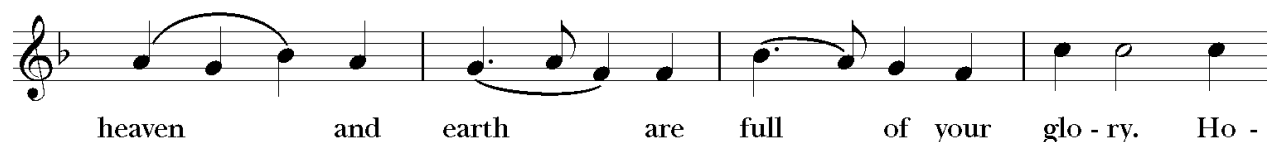
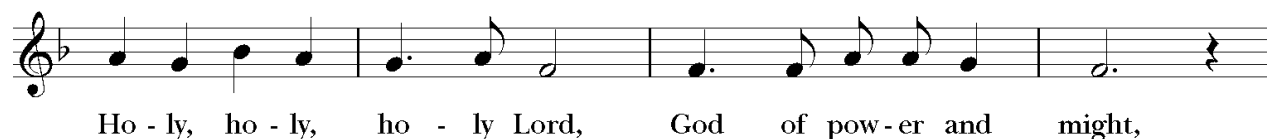
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors - God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah & Rachel. God and of God our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Fraction Anthem

✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✠ *Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar. All enter via the center aisle and return via the side aisles.*

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

Seek Ye First

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer after Communion

✠ *Said by all, standing*

ALmighty and Everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn

"Rise Up Ye Saints of God"

Festal Song

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"How Great Thou Art"

Traditional

✧ Please feel free to exit quietly during the postlude and join us for a time of fellowship.

The worship has ended, let the service begin.

Service Participants:

Greeters Carol Coonrod
KC Becker

Lector Ryan Winfield

Ushers Jason Crighton
Dennis Hobb

Intercessor Nate Vaagen

Verger Kevin Montgomery

Eucharistic Minister Catherine Manhardt

Coffee Hour Tyler Ashworth
Ashley Ashworth

Offertory Guild Benny Young

Childcare Jean Holman

Altar Guild Barbara Hays



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"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."

Vestry Leadership

Carol Coonrod, Senior Warden
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David Swanson, Treasurer

Jeremy Ayers, Doug Evans, Karen Garlick, Bob McDonald,
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Parish Office Hours:

9:00am – 1:00pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
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