



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
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Third Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, June 10, 2018

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn: Morning has broken

#8

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

Gloria: Glorious

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray together

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.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

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; 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.”

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 138

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.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: What does the Lord require of you?

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 3:20-35

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The crowd came together again, 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."

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Eddie Blue

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Form VI)

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The Peace

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The Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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The Offertory: Before the throne of God above

Doxology

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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

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Sanctus: Land of Rest

The Communion of the People (St. Thomas' extends the invitation to all baptized members of any Christian Church to receive the consecrated bread and wine.)

Communion Hymn: How deep the Father's love

Post Communion Prayer

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Recessional Hymn: God of grace and God of glory

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Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

~~~ CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11th~~~

**Monday, June 11th:** 5pm- NNO Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall), 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, June 12th:** Office Closed (Loree+ and Jill attending an out of state conference.)

**Wednesday, June 13th:** Office Closed (Loree+ and Jill attending an out of state conference.), 7:30pm- Greater Baltimore Church Service (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, June 14th:** Office Closed (Loree+ and Jill attending an out of state conference.), 10am- Summer Nature Series by Global Foundation Tutorial (outside program)

**Friday, June 15th:** Office Closed (Loree+ and Jill attending an out of state conference.), 7pm- AA Meeting (Classroom #7)

**Saturday, June 16th:** Loree+ (Vacation), 10am- Christian Stitchin' (Room 6)

**Sunday, June 17th:** 9:30am- Worship Service & Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)

\*Private events are not included on this calendar. Please contact the church office if you would like to reserve space.

~~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~~

Altar Guild: The arrangements on the altar are given in memory of George Welsh, Jr. and William Licht (Priest) by Daniel Licht, and in memory of Connie Chenowith Kappler and Julia Todd Kappler by James Kappler and Family. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com, or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

Please join us for Morning Prayer worship on June 24 at 8am in the Chapel. If you are interested in worship on a Sunday morning that is earlier and quieter than the 9:30am service (which will still continue every Sunday), please consider coming. We will follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer, the service will be led by lay persons, and it will be a spoken service. For June and July, Morning Prayer will be available at 8am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Let's go to the O's! The game we are looking to go to is **Friday, June 29th at 7:05**. The Orioles play the Angels that night, and there are fireworks after the game. We are looking at seats in the Lower Reserve, which are \$19 a piece at our group rate (\$5 off per ticket). Contact the office, or Chuck Shimonkevitz, if you are interested in going.

Event Day Volunteers Needed for National Night Out: We're in need of volunteers to help with our National Night Out event on August 7, between 4pm-9pm. National Night Out will be an outdoor community festival here at St. Thomas' for the Baltimore County Police Department. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6pm with an BCoPD Honor Guard tribute to Officer Amy Caprio. Help will be needed with setup/cleanup, running game and raffle stations, greeting guest, and just plain having fun! Can you do that? Contact the office at 410-821-5489 or stthomastowson@gmail.com, or speak with Diane Flayhart.

St. Thomas' Garden: It is gardening time again and as you are thinning your perennial gardens and have some extra plants please consider sharing them with St. Thomas. We would like to purchase some small trees and bushes to finish the front and side of the church. If you would like to help with the gardening fund, please mark your donation gardening and place in the offering plate. Please email Vicki Sappe at vsappe@hotmail.com, call at 410-456-5060 or talk to her after church.

Dinner & Lunch Groups are back! Here's how it works: Groups of about 6-8, either couples or singles, sign up to form a group. We will divide the groups by lunch or dinner and adults or families. Someone from each group will be asked to host the first meal. The group will take turns hosting and will decide as a group how they would like to proceed. We will start meeting in September for 4 or 5 months depending on the group size. Please see the signup sheet at church or contact Vicki Sappe at vsappe@hotmail.com, call at 410-456-5060 or talk to her after church. We welcome friends to join the groups, too!

Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need: Mo Otradovec, Dottie D., Jan Jr., David J., Jeri Adams, Robert Yoos, Andrew Bures, Bill D., Rick D., David Harper, Pete, Leigh, Vera O., Wanda S., Dowell S., Bill F., Mary Lou P., Marge S., and Rev. Loree.

And for those who are homebound: Theresa Welsch, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter, Curtis Meador, Ronnie Livingood, and Dan Licht.

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