



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 AM Morning Prayer, July 1, 2018

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn: Eternal Father strong to save

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Presider: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*Presider and People together, all kneeling:
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.*

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Presider: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Presider and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 145:1-9

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

A Reading from Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Foley

A Reading from Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Halle, halle, hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:43-48

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

Rev. Dr. Mike Zellhofer

The Apostles' Creed

Presider and People together, all standing:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. *Your saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory: God bless our native land

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Doxology

#380 (vs. 3)

Prayers of the People (Form II)

pg. 385

Recessional Hymn: Life every voice and sing

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Dismissal

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~~~ CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2nd ~~~

**Monday, July 2nd:** 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, July 3rd:**

**Wednesday, July 4th:** Independence Day (Office Closed)

**Thursday, July 5th:**

**Friday, July 6th:** 7pm- AA Meeting (Classroom #7)

**Saturday, July 7th:**

**Sunday, July 8th:** 8am- Morning Prayer (Chapel), 9:30am- Worship Service (Sanctuary), 11am- Vestry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

\*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 Thanksgiving by the St. Thomas' Family. The following dedications are available for July: Wafers, Wine, Branch Candles, Eucharistic Candles, Sanctuary Candle, and Altar Flowers for the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**On Tuesday, July 19th, Rev. Loree had surgery to repair the ligaments in her ankle that were torn from too many sprains. The surgery was successful, and she will be home for two weeks recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.**

**Please join us for Morning Prayer worship on July 8th 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 July, Morning Prayer will be available at 8am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

**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](mailto:vsappe@hotmail.com), call at 410-456-5060 or talk to her after church. We welcome friends to join the groups, too!

### **Student Support Network, Seeking Backpack & School Supply Donations:**

Help students living in poverty with backpacks as they began their new journey at Loch Raven High School. A list of items that are needed is available in the Narthex. Donations will be collected from **June 3rd through July 15th**. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on July 22nd after our worship service to pack the backpacks. Many hands made light work of the packing last year! **Please mark your calendars now to join us on July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please contact Jan Bahner (443-564-9464) if you have any questions.

**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 guests, and/or 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.

**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., Curtis Meador, Lou W., 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, and Dan Licht.

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