



Window: Pentecost

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Morning Prayer Rite II ☩ 8:00 AM

Welcome

Hymn 577 God is love, and where true love is

Ubi Caritas (Murray)

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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The Invitatory and Psalter

RCL 80

Celebrant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

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

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice.

Psalm 114 *spoken in unison*

BCP 756

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses

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I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *

on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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.

Offering

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts to the General Budget and, on this 2nd Sunday of the month, to Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM) to provide direct financial assistance to those in need in our community

You may mail a check to 2100 Hilton Avenue, Columbus, GA 39106,
donate online at our website (<https://www.stthomascolumnbus.org/give/>),
or use your mobile device by texting **STTCOLUMBUS** to **73256**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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Suffrages A

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- 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

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

St. Thomas parishioners: Ralph Wimberly, Sam Olive-Allison, the family of Jack Blalock, Freeman McCluskey, the Farrow family, Lauren & LT Taylor, Travis Williams, Bill Pauli, Pam Feagle, Henry Morrill, Maeve Morrill, Norma & Lowell Jergens, Joe Mills, Jack Tice, Gerald Boyd, Esther Thomas, Darius Slusher

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Friends of the parish: Shannon Warr (*Pam Feagle*), Mary Hubert (*Erin Redden*), James Mills (*Joe Mills*), Kristen Williford (*April Jacobs*), Kelli Curtis (*April Jacobs*), Molly Lane (*Cindy Godwin*)

Those with continuing concerns: Mandy Ochoa, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Chuck Bentfeld, Carlene Pawlowicz, Sandra Wood, Gene Wells, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Angie Braid 9/13, Jessalyn Wright 9/13, PJ Wright 9/14, TaKira Williams 9/14, King Paquette 9/14, Martin McCann 9/15, Donna Sharp 9/16, Ena Hunt 9/17, Bruce Wrenn 9/17, Patti Landreau 9/17, Bennett Stoltz 9/17, Zora Garcia 9/17. Elyse Dahlgren 9/18, Linda Harmon 9/19, Barbara Brandenburgh 9/19, Mandy Ochoa 9/19, Molly Wright 9/19, Freeman McCluskey 9/19, Lovick Sudayi 9/19

Those celebrating anniversaries: Jon & Jessica Ezzell 9/16, Skip & Dawn Farrow 9/16, Kenny & Mickie Hall 9/16

Those who have died: Roger Free 12/13/19, Julie Barbaree 12/23/19, Frank Eslinger 1/9/20, Marge Henly 5/28/20, Connie McEwen 8/21/20, Jack Blalock 8/31/20

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.
The blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements

CVEM Offering: On the 2nd Sunday of the month we receive a special offering for CVEM. They are helping many neighbors with rent, utilities, and other needs in this time. To give, go to cvemjubilee.org or give on the St. Thomas website or app.

Pet Procession: On October 4, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, send a picture of you with your pet or another animal. Pictures will be in our hymn procession online at 10:30. Send to office@stthomascolumnbus.org or share on Facebook. Deadline to submit is September 29.

Meet the Diocese of Atlanta: Bishop Wright will be with St. Thomas virtually on Sunday, September 13. He will preach and join us for coffee hour that morning. To prepare for his visit, we've invited other diocesan guests to join us for Adult Forum in August and September at 9:30 on Zoom. September 13 - How our congregations are managing, with Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner, Canon to the Ordinary who has also led our diocesan response to Covid-19