

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



"The Workers in the Vineyard" by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube.

September 18, 2011  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,  
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU.

# The Holy Eucharist

## **Welcome Visitors!**

We invite you to join us in worship and hope you will discover some of the lifegiving ways that God is working in this place. We invite you to complete a Welcome Card located in the hymnal racks on your chair.

The basic order of service comes from the red **Book of Common Prayer** while the hymns can be found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** in a rack either in front of your seat or to the side of your chair.

Hymns numbers preceded by an S are part of the Service Music in the front section of the blue **Hymnal 1982**.

The choice of readings comes from the **Revised Common Lectionary**, a cycle of readings assigned for every Sunday and major holy day throughout the liturgical year.

**The First Lesson** comes from the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. We hear how God has spoken and worked through the people of God for thousands of years, particularly our Jewish sisters and brothers in faith.

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People*

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

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

## The Word of God

**First Lesson**

*Exodus 16:2-15*

✠ *After the reading, the Reader says,*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

*Confitemini Domino*

1 We give thanks, O God, and call upon your / Name; \*  
we make known your deeds a/ mong the peoples.

2 We sing to you; we sing your / praise \*  
and speak of all your / marvelous works.

3 We glory in your holy / Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who / seek you rejoice.

4 We search for you and your / strength; \*  
we continue to / seek your **face**.

5 We remember the marvels you have / done, \*  
the wonders and the / judgments of your mouth,

6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your / servant, \*  
we, the children of Jacob, / **the** chosen ones.

37 You led out your people with silver and / gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not / one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their / going, \*  
because they / were afraid of them.

39 You spread out a cloud for a / covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the / **night** season.

40 They asked, and / quails appeared, \*  
and you satisfied them with / bread from heaven.

42 You opened the rock and / water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the / **dry** places.

43 So you led forth your people with / gladness, \*  
your chosen with / shouts of **joy**.

44 You gave your people the lands of the / nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of / others' **toil**,

45 That they might keep your / statues \*  
and observe your laws. / Alleluia!

**The Psalm** is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations between God and God's people.

The text for the Psalm follows The Saint Helena Psalter, itself based on The Psalter of The Book of Common Prayer of 1979, revised to employ inclusive language.

**The Second Lesson** is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or Letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

## Second Lesson

*Philippians 1:21-30*

✠ *After the reading, the Reader says,*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *All stand.*

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1-16*

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

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

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

✠ *Afterwards, the Celebrant says,*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

Dr. Wayne Whitson Floyd

✠ *A brief silence is observed.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

## Prayers of the People

Form VI, *Book of Common Prayer, p. 392*

## The Confession

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

## The Peace

## Welcome and Announcements

**The Gospel**, proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest, contains the stories and sayings of Jesus. Whereas other lessons at the Eucharist are read, the Gospel is proclaimed (or announced), both to those present and to the world. Those of us who are present stand and face the Gospel book as a gesture of reverence and love for the risen Christ. To symbolize that the Gospel belongs also to the world, the Gospel book is brought into the church in the entrance procession.

In the **Nicene Creed** we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming our place in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world.

**The Peace** has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the apostles and is an expression of reconciliation with our neighbor. As understood by its ancient position following the Prayers, the Peace is both a response to the Word of God and a preparation for Holy Communion.

# The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP, p. 369

## Offertory

### The Great Thanksgiving

✠ *The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 our thanks and praise.***

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Congregational responses continue in *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 370

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

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.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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

✠ *Celebrant and People*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**At the Offertory** we offer to God the fruits of our labors in the form of money, the wine and bread for the Eucharist, and our gift of music.

For Episcopalians, **The Holy Eucharist** (Greek, "Giving of Thanks") - rather than the sermon - is the principal act of Christian worship on Sundays and other major Feasts.

**The Eucharist**, or **Holy Communion**, has its roots in the Passover meal shared by Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem before the crucifixion and it reminds us of another meal shared by Jesus and his disciples at Emmaus after the resurrection. It is a way in which our community symbolically participates in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. And it reminds us that we now are the Body of Christ for our times.

**The Lord's Prayer** is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray.

In The Episcopal Church, the pronouncing of God's **Blessing** on the people is one of the specific ministries of priests.

The **Dismissal** is our being sent out to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A Period of silence is kept. Then is said:*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*



*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 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 bread and wine but would like a blessing, please come forward, cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders, and a minister will provide a blessing.*



✠ *The Sacrament is then immediately delivered to the people.*

## Post Communion Prayer

✠ *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

✠ *All stand and pray together:*

*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.*

## Blessing

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God  
and for the people of St. Thomas' Parish by Mark Wherry  
in loving memory of Kathleen Ann Wherry.

The St. Thomas' Choir is searching new members. Anyone who can read music is encouraged to join - all parts are needed. Please see Tim Hagy for further information.

**Coffee Hour & Congregational Meeting**  
**Today 12:30 p.m. Upstairs in Sanctuary**

You are invited to return following the 11:00 a.m. service this morning for a special **parish meeting** to hear some exciting news about the capital campaign for our new building, plus to see the premier of the new digital-animation-with-soundtrack showing the latest design from Matt Jarvis, plus time for Q & A from the congregation.



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DUPONT CIRCLE ✦ WASHINGTON, DC

**We are so glad you chose to worship here with us today.**

As a progressive and inclusive Episcopal Church in Dupont Circle, we try to "be the Good News" for the world through our cultivation of spiritual life and through engagement with our community.

You are welcome to visit as often as you can. If you are looking for a spiritual home founded on civility and respect, mutual responsibility as well as encouragement, we hope you will consider St. Thomas' Parish. You will find a place of welcome and nurture, as well as challenge and empowerment to address the needs of the world.

With your help we can be a community where all can find and be found by God – a place, wherever you are on your journey, to discover room at God's table for you.

Rector, St. Thomas' Parish

**Vestry**

*John Johnson*, Senior Warden (2013); *Matt Cloninger*, Junior Warden (2012)  
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*Jason Forman* (2014), *Ashley Greaf* (2014), *Kristin Jones* (2013), *Chris Norman* (2014),  
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