

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



*Parable of the Unjust Steward, by Jan Luyken*

September 19, 2010  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m.

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



# The Holy Eucharist

Enriching Our Worship 1

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Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.  
Please observe prayerful silence before worship.

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## Prelude

Wo sol ich fliehen hin, BWV 694

Johann Sebastian Bach

✠ A bell rings, all stand. The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn

Give praise and glory unto God

Hymnal 375

✠ 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

Amos 8:4-7

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Welcome Visitors!

We invite you to join us in worship and hope you will discover some of the wonderful ways that God is working in this parish. The basic order of service can also be found in the red Book of Common Prayer while the hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. We also invite you to complete a Welcome Card located in the chairs.

### The Holy Eucharist:

(Greek, "Giving of Thanks") is the principal act of Christian worship on Sundays and other major Feasts. It 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.

### The Lectionary:

The Revised Common Lectionary is a cycle of readings assigned for every Sunday and major holy day throughout the liturgical year. The ministry of reading lessons at the Eucharist (except for the Proclamation of the Gospel) is normally the responsibility of lay persons.

**The First Lesson** comes from the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, written before the birth of Christ. In the Hebrew Scriptures we hear how God has spoken and worked through the people of God for thousands of years.

**The Psalm** is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

## Psalm 113

*Laudate, pueri*

*Plainsong, Tone V.5*

✠ *Sung by all.*



1

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of / God; \*  
praise the Name / of the Most High.

2

Let God's / Name be blest, \*  
from this time forth for / evermore.

3

From the rising of the sun to its / going down \*  
let God's holy / Name be **praised**.

4

God is high above all / nations, \*  
and God's glory a- / bove the heavens.

5

Who is like our God, who sits en- / throned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the / heavens and the earth?

6

God takes up the weak out of the / dust \*  
and lifts up the poor / from the ashes.

7

To set them up on / high, \*  
with the rulers / of the people.

8

God makes the woman of a / childless house \*  
to be a joyful mo- / ther of children.

## Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

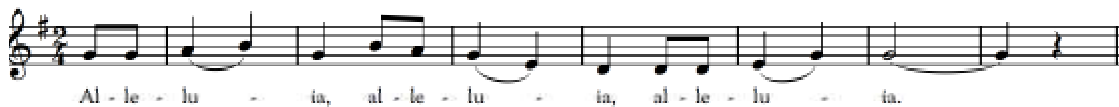
People

*Thanks be to God.*

## Alleluia / Verse

Ojibway Nation Alleluia

✠ The Cantor sings the Alleluia, the congregation repeats. The Cantor sings a verse and the congregation sings the Alleluia.



## The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

✠ The Celebrant says,

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

People

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ Afterwards, the Celebrant says,

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

✠ A brief silence is observed. During this time of reflection, please feel free to fill out the back of the insert about suggestions for programs at St. Thomas' and then place it in the collection plate during the offertory.

## The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

## Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP, p. 387

## The Peace

## Welcome and Announcements

**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.

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 the historic faith of the Church. We "**believe**" (in Latin *credere*, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our hearts as token of our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "**We**" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual.

**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.

## *Invitation to Healing*

The Healing Rite is offered today during the Eucharist, and on the third Sunday of every month. You are invited to receive healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone else at the side altar. A healing minister from the Pastoral Care Team will offer prayers and the laying on of hands serving as a vehicle for God's healing power and love.

# The Holy Communion

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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 and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.

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**The Presentation** of bread, wine, music, money, and other gifts at the altar signifies our offering of all we are and have in response to God's offering of Christ for our sake.

In the **Eucharistic Prayer**, the Celebrant offers up our prayer of thanks, summarizing God's work in creating, redeeming, and remaining with us as the Holy Spirit. We offer up not only bread and wine to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ but also ourselves, our souls and bodies, to receive these gifts so that we might be for the world the Body of Christ.

## Offertory Anthem

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Hugo Distler*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my Soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Gather ye round let us make music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen, how thy hearts wishes have been granted in what He ordaineth?

## Presentation Hymn

*Be thou my vision*

Hymnal 488

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

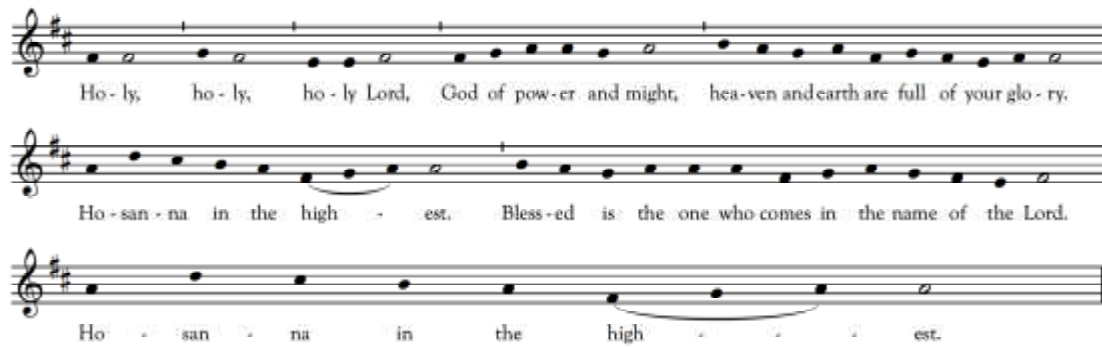
*People*            ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your

will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

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## Fraction Anthem

God of Promise

EOW1/Timothy Hagy



God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

✦ Communion will be directed by the ushers.

## Communion Anthem

Nun danket alle Gott

harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands, and  
voices who wondrous things hath done, in whom this  
world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed  
us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours  
today.

## Post Communion Prayer

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

God of freedom, God of justice

Voices Found 90

1 God of free-dom, God of jus-tice, God whose love is strong as death,  
2 Rid the earth of tor-ture's ter-ror. God whose hands were nailed to wood;  
3 Make in us a cap-tive con-science quick to hear, to act, to plead;

God who saw the dark of pri-son, God who knew the price of faith:  
hear the cries of pain and pro-test. God who shares the tears and blood;  
make us tru-ly sis-ters, bro-thers, of what-ev-er race or creed;

touch our world of sad op-pres-sion with your Spi-rit's heal-ing breath.  
move us in the power of pi-ty, rest-less for the com-mon good.  
teach us to be ful-ly hu-man, o-pen to each oth-er's need.

\* Optional for last verse.

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**Blessing:** One of the specific ministries of priests is to declare God's blessing on God's people.

**The Dismissal** is an important part of the Liturgy. To be dis-missed is to be sent forth to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Having been nourished in Word and Sacrament, we are newly equipped to carry out our baptismal responsibilities in the world.

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

Saviour, again to thy dear Name we raise

Hymnal 345

## Dismissal

## Postlude

Tocatta in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God by Mark Wherry in loving memory of Kathleen Ann Wherry.*





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We're a **community of Christians on a spiritual journey**. Our worship and *life together* provides a pathway towards a deeper understanding of the risen and transforming Christ. Through joyful singing, engaging preaching, prayer and silence, we come together to share in **one bread, one body**.

A place to find and be found by God.

*The People of St. Thomas'*

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