

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



Window Detail from Second Baptist Church, Keyport, New Jersey

May 29, 2011
Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m.

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

The Holy Eucharist

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.

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.

You will see a red **Book of Common Prayer** and a blue **Hymnal** in a rack either in front of your seat or to the side of your chair.

Some of the spoken parts of the worship service are found in the red **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) rather than in your worship leaflet.

Page numbers for music beginning with the letter "S" are "Service Music" found in the front section of the blue **Hymnal**. The numerical order of Hymns starts over again following the last piece of Service Music.

During these Great 50 days of Easter, we celebrate the life of Jesus, who welcomes and heals all people and invites us to tell a new story of resurrected life together.

Prelude

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Jean Langlais

✦ *A bell rings, all stand.*

Entrance Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymn 705

✦ *The Celebrant says,*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S 280

✦ *Sung by all.*

✦ *The Celebrant continues,*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7-8, 11-12, 15-18

Anglican Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy

✠ Sung by all.



Jubilate Deo

7

Bless our God, you / peoples; *
let the sound of praise be / heard;

8

God holds our souls in / life, *
and will not allow our feet to / slip.

11

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and / water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re/freshment.

12

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my /vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.

15

I called out to God with my / mouth, *
and high praise was on my / tongue.

16

If I had found evil in my / heart, *
God would not have / heard me;

17

But in truth God has / heard me; *
and has attended to the voice of my / prayer.

18

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, *
nor withheld steadfast love from / me.

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.

The Psalm is sung in unison by the congregation using **Simplified Anglican Chant**, which evolved from older, more elaborate forms of Plainchant. The pitch of the notes changes with the word immediately following each diagonal marking (/) or asterisk (*). Please join in.

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.

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

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ All stand.

Ojibway Nation Alleluia

✠ Sung three times



The Holy Gospel

John 14: 15-21

✠ The Celebrant says,

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✠ Afterwards, the Celebrant says,

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Kim Baker

✠ A brief silence is observed.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form IV, BCP, p. 388

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

We invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

Offertory

Musette

Jean Langlais

Presentation Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

Hymn 516

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus

Richard Proulx

✕ *Sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven___ and earth___ are full___ of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name___ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover

Plainsong, Tone VII

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pas - so - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us.
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Offertory: The presentation of the bread, wine, and water that will be used in Holy Communion, reminds that ordinary parts of God's good creation will become for us a means of closer connection with God.

It is also the time when we present our gifts of money as a token of the talents that God has given us that we employ in our work.

Anamnesis (memory): A central moment in the Eucharistic Prayer when we recall Jesus' telling his Disciples to eat and drink "in remembrance of me".

Epiclesis (invocation): The moment in the Eucharistic Prayer when the Celebrant asks or invokes God to send the Holy Spirit to make the bread and wine to be for us the body and blood of Christ.

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

When you come forward for Holy 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 blessing will be provided for you.

Communion Chant

Live in charity and love

Taizé

Live in char-i - ty and stead - fast love, live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.

✕ All stand.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymn 292

Dismissal

The Dismissal is an important part of the Liturgy. To be "dismissed" 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.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

It is the practice of this congregation to remain reverently seated in silence for the Postlude.

Coffee Hour follows worship immediately downstairs in the Guild Room.
Please join us and let us know who you are.

Flowers donated today in honor of the community of St. Thomas' Parish
With Gratitude from The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

We welcome The Rev. Kim Baker as celebrant and preacher this morning.
She is chaplain and a faculty member in religion at the Washington Episcopal School.

We're a **community of Christians on a spiritual journey together.**

We hope our *worship and life together in service to the world* provide pathways 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.**

Go now in peace to love and serve God and your neighbor.

A place to find and be found by God.

We are glad you chose to worship here with us today.
Please join us whenever you are able.

The People of St. Thomas' Parish





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