



ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Being a light to the world.
Worship, Youth, Discipleship

Welcome to St. Thomas Church.

The Sundays after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

*This is no ordinary time, though!
We celebrate Christ's presence with us in the worshipping community,
in the proclamation of scripture and in the breaking of the bread.*

If you are new to St. Thomas or visiting, we are glad to have you with us. This service booklet is designed to help you join us in worship. The hymns we sing can generally be found in the blue Hymnal 1982, in the pew racks in front of you. Other music is included in this booklet. The lessons are included on the separate lesson sheet. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask an usher, a greeter, or someone nearby.

In order that we may get to know you better, please fill out one of the welcome cards, which can be found in the pew racks, and place it in the collection plate during the offering or hand it to an usher.

Coffee and Refreshments are served after the service in the parish hall, through the double doors to the right of the altar, and all the way down the hall. There you will have opportunity to visit with members of the church community.

Ministry to Children—Children are welcome in church!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for to them belongs the Kingdom of God." We believe there is a place for children in worship and we welcome them there. Please help them follow along. You'll be surprised at how quickly they engage. If very young children are crying over your comfort level, slip out if you need to do so, and come back in with them as soon as you are able.

See the Church's Website: www.StThomasBC.org, for events and service times

Please return this service booklet by placing it in the basket as you leave the Sanctuary. We'll use them again next week. Take the lesson insert home with you, so you can further study the Bible readings and keep up with what's happening at St. Thomas. Thank you.

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

The service begins with the opening hymn and the procession of the ministers of the liturgy. All stand, as they are able.

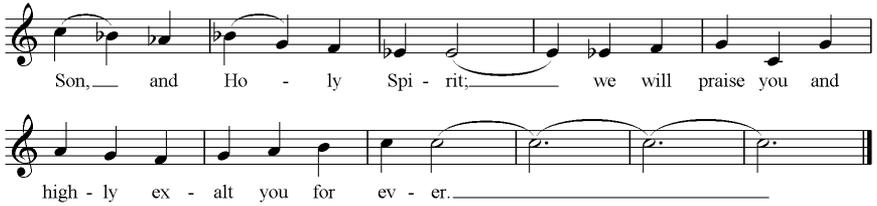
The officiating priest, called the Presider, continues with the following. The ✠ indicates where it is traditional to make the sign of the cross. The People's responses are in bold type.

✠ Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All join in singing the Benedictus es, Domine, a hymn of praise.

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are
wor thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance
of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the
throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you,
seat - ed be - tween the Che - ru - bim. we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for
ev - er. Glo-ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the
high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. Glo-ry to you, Fa - ther,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The presider continues

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The presider focuses the people's attention and gives voice to the assembly's intentions by offering the Collect of the Day

Amen.

THE LESSONS

The people sit. Readings from the Bible are proclaimed and we share in the gift of God's Word through listening to the scriptures, which can be found on the separate lesson sheet.

THE SERMON

One of the ministers gives the sermon, explaining how the lessons relate to our lives.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand, as they are able, and join in the Nicene Creed, our shared statement of faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

Prayer is offered with intercession for

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission

The Nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

The departed

After each petition the people respond

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

At the end of the prayers the presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

After a period of silence all join in saying

**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 our Savior 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.**

The priest gives assurance of God's love and mercy to all in the Absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Holy Communion

The presider introduces the offertory. An anthem is sung by the choir as the bread and wine for communion are brought forward. After the collection, the gifts of the people are presented at the altar. All join in the hymn.

The presider offers the bread and the wine and the gifts of the people back to God, remembering that God is the source of all that we give.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship and expresses our thanksgiving and praise for God's saving work in Jesus Christ. In the Great Thanksgiving, we recall in particular Christ's death and resurrection and the new life of freedom and flourishing that God conveys to us through Christ's resurrection.

The service continues

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider gives thanks for God's faithfulness in creating, sustaining and redeeming humankind.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Then all join in the Sanctus, the song of the angels.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. ✠Blest is the one who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

Then the presider and people continues

Holy and gracious God:

**In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and maker and of all.**

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,
**and offered himself in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
**our Savior Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine;
**and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and people

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

The presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
**Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.**

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
**to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink
of new and unending life in Christ.**

Sanctify us also
**that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.
**By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

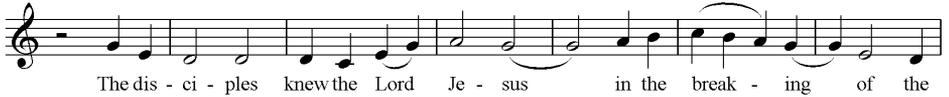
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

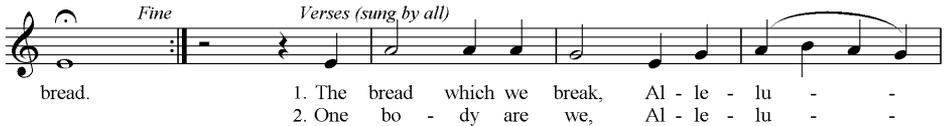
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread, a period of silence is kept, then all join in singing.

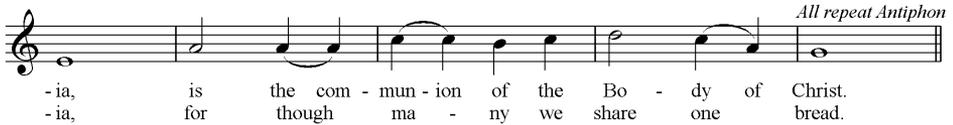
Antiphon - choir first, then repeated by all.



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the



Fine *Verses (sung by all)*
bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu - -



All repeat Antiphon
- ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
- ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

THE PEACE

All stand, as they are able. The presider introduces the Peace, saying

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The presider continues

Lord in this Blessed Sacrament
**you give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself.
You come to us, dwell with us, abide in us.
There is nothing more we can ask.**

All are welcome at the altar. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing carrying this Order of Service to the altar with you. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is normally reserved for baptized Christians of any denomination. For more information about baptism, please speak to the clergy.

Communion is not a celebration or mystery to be observed but one in which the people participate. The one bread is broken and shared so that the people may be united with God and with each other through Christ. We eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ and, in so doing, become more fully Christ in the world.

During the distribution of communion the people may join in singing the hymn.

A period of silence follows communion, then all join in the post-communion prayer.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All join in singing the hymn, followed by the blessing and dismissal.

The presider then prays for God's blessing on the people, and all respond

Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

We invite you to join us for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Parish Hall, following the service.

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*We seek to love and serve the Lord
through our Mission Imperatives:*



Worship



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Discipleship

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Worship Services

Sundays

10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m., Evening Worship

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m., Evening Prayer

Fridays

11:00a.m., Bible Study
12:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist