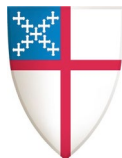


Welcome to

ST. THOMAS

Episcopal

CHURCH



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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

August 11, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please use the following order of service to find your place in The Book of Common Prayer located in the pew racks in front of you. The blue Hymnal 1982 and supplemental hymnals Wonder Love and Praise and Lift Every Voice and Sing II contain hymns and service music.

If you are new to our community, please fill out a welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate during the offering.

Coffee and refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after each service, through the double doors to the right of the altar and down the hallway. There, you will have an opportunity to visit with members of the church community.

Voluntary

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 51

Opening Sentence

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

BCP 784

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as they are able.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 581

Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is

from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

At the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 339

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-163

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 309

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 523

Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

Announcements

We thank Fr. Len Brinkmoeller for serving as our guest officiant.

Also, please welcome Brooks Grantier as our guest organist.

THIS WEEK:

- **Laundry Love needs your help!** See Deacon Trish.
- **There are flyers on the table outside the parish hall** explaining the types of foods wanted for Laundry Love & the St. Thomas Cupboard. Totes for your donations are under the tables located outside the parish hall and inside the red door.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Wednesday Noon Mass will resume in September.** More details will follow.

Next Sunday's Lessons: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58.

Serving this Week

10AM

Presider	The Rev. Len Brinkmoeller
Preacher	The Rev. Len Brinkmoeller
Deacon	The Rev. Trish Harris
Lectors	Becky Squires, Karmel Addis
Intercessor	Sandy Nordmark
Crucifer	Charles Grantier
Chalice	Trish Harris, Elizabeth Schirk, & Karmel Addis
Altar Chapter	Bob Harberts, Elsie Gibson, Mira Wuerges
Ushers	Roy Hillman, Ross Dingwall, Bernie Squires
Greeter	Sharon Engle
Vestry Liaison	Franz Schirk
AV Tech	A.J. Puzzuoli