

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022
YEAR C
HOLY EUCHARIST

Opening Hymn

Hymn 296

The Celebrant says.

✠Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He

told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Anglican chant: William Boyce



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the / LORD from the / heavens; *
- / praise him / in the / heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you / angels of / his; *
- / praise him, / all his / host.
- 3 Praise him, / sun and / moon; *
- praise him, / all you / shining / stars.
- 4 Praise him, / heaven of / heavens, *
- and you / waters a-/ bove the / heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the / Name of the / LORD; *
- for he com-/ manded, and / they were cre/ated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for / ever and / ever; *
- he gave them a law which / shall not / pass a-/ way.
- 7 Praise the / LORD from the / earth, *
- you / sea-monsters and / **all** / deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, / snow and / fog, *
- tempestuous / **wind**, / doing his / will;
- 9 Mountains and / **all** / hills, *
- / fruit trees / and all / cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and / **all** / cattle, *
- creeping / things and / winged / birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and / **all** / peoples, *
- princes and all / rulers / of the / world;
- 12 Young / men and / maidens, *
- / old and / young to/gether.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Revelation to St. John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Hymn 621

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30

The ✠Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**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 \times life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the people respond

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant introduces the Offertory. The bread and wine for communion are set upon the altar. Offerings may be made by texting "StThomasBC" to 73256.

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Offertory Hymn

Hymn 304

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

To follow the Eucharistic Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, turn to page 361. Here the Proper Preface is said.

Sanctus

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The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through the holy sacrifice of Jesus; and remembering the events of the Last Supper, prays that the gifts of bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant prays that all may benefit from Christ's holy sacrifice and be renewed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the prayer the people respond

Amen.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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

Fraction Anthem

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

The Celebrant says the invitation to communion.

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 Hymn

Hymn 487

After communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

The Vestry Liaison gives the announcements.

Closing Hymn

Hymn 457

The Celebrant prays for God's blessing on the people and then dismisses them.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders TODAY:

Evening Worship 5 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Thomas Night Out 6 p.m. at Clara's

Wednesday: Preaching Circle, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Finley's Fund\$ for Friend\$ 4-9 p.m.

Friday: Bible Study (11 a.m.) Mass (12 p.m.)

My Favorite Intersection: From May 10 to June 25, the Battle Creek Art Center will feature a series of photos of the four buildings at the corner of Van Buren and Capital: Willard Library, The Miller-Stone Bldg, St. Philip Roman Catholic Church, and St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The photos are the result of a grant to Liz Neumeyer from the KCC Foundation. Photography professor Ryan Flathau and his students did a photo project on the four buildings. There will be a reception on May 17 starting at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., Liz will present a PowerPoint talk featuring the historic architecture of the four buildings at her favorite intersection. Funeral Mass for Gretchen and Paul A. Humiston, Jr. will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m., followed by committal in the Garth and a lunch reception in the Parish Hall.

St. Thomas Night Out will be held May 16 at Clara's. Please let Noreen Sidnam know if you plan on attending.

St. Mary's Circle is collecting donations for Keegan Gregory who was in the Oxford school shooting. Please give your donation to Karen Keese.

Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed for the summer beginning with June. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

Flower Sponsors are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway. After signing up, please fill out an envelope and enclose your \$50.00 payment.

Children & Youth Evening Service will take place May 22nd at 5 p.m. The service will include Holy Eucharist. Please bring/invite young people!

Trish Harris's Ordination will be held on June 5th at 4 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids. A gift will be presented to Trish. If you would like to donate to the cost of the gift, please see Fr. Brian. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact Fr. Brian, as well.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelations 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29.

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the sheet posted in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

Serving this Week

10:00 a.m. Eucharist:

Presider:	Mark Engle
Preacher:	Brian Coleman
Sub-Deacon:	Karmel Addis
Lector:	Keith Phillips
Intercessor:	Mark & Sharon Engle
Crucifer/Server:	Jodi Nickerson
Chalice:	TBD
Ushers:	Ken Surprenant & Joe Cummings
Greeter:	Lorraine Petter & Emilie Cummings
Altar Chapter:	Brenda Hillman
Vestry Liaison:	Kathy Dingwall
AV Tech:	Kathy Dingwall

5:00 p.m. Evening Service:

Lector:	Sue Shafe
AV Tech:	John Moore