St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost

10:15 a.m. - Rite Two



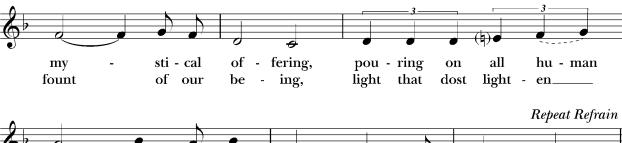
Welcome!

The mission of St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church is to feed all God's people.

We invite you to join us.

ENTRANCE HYMN Lo, in the likeness of fire [Hail Thee, Festival Day!] (Salve festa dies) (H 225)







The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

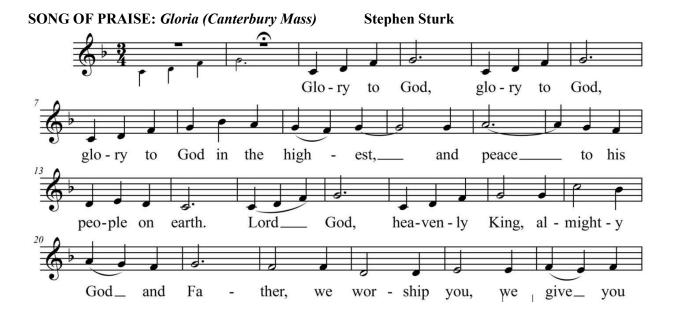
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

HOLY BAPTISM

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present Joseph Clinton Schirmer and Michael Shane Schirmer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children grow into the full stature of

Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Parents and Godparents:* I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of

God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their

life in Christ?

People We will.

Let us join with those committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Joseph Clinton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Michael Shane, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joseph, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Michael, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

²⁷There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *

which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸All of them look to you *

to give them their food in due season.

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<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; *
  you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
  you take away their breath,
   and they die and return to their dust.
<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
   and so vou renew the face of the earth.
<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
   may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles: *
   he touches the mountains and they smoke.
<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
   I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him: *
   I will rejoice in the LORD.
<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
   Hallelujah!
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SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Come, thou Holy Spirit bright (Veni Sancte Spiritus) (H 226)



1. Come, thou Ho - ly Spi - rit bright; come with thy ce-les - tial light;







2. Thou, of com-fort-ers the best, thou, the soul's most wel-come guest,







3. Bright-er than the noon - day sun, fill our lives which Christ hath won;

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Carole Horton-Howe

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - CALLS TO SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God by the people of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

OFFERTORY HYMN Holy Spirit, ever living (Abbot's Leigh) (H 511)





THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

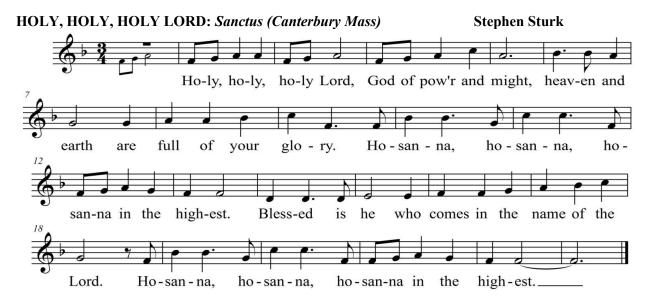
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:



Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN (Canterbury Mass)

Stephen Sturk



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

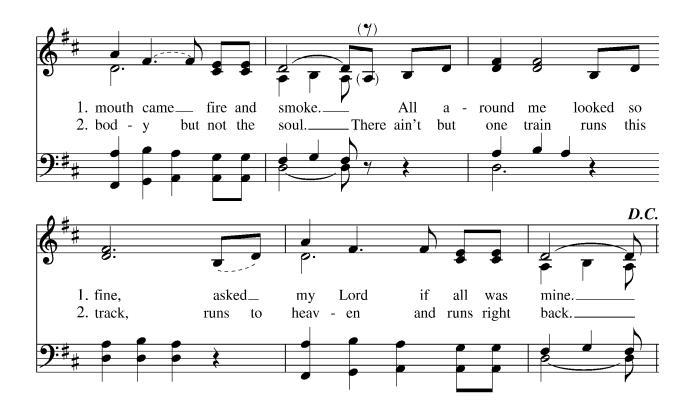
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.





COMMUNION HYMN Veni Sancte Spiritus (by Luke D. Rosen)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Spirit of mercy, truth, and love (Cornish) (H 229)

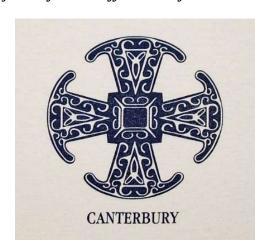


DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit and doing the loving thing. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for the Coffee Hour after the service today.



Upcoming Events at St. Thomas of Canterbury

General Announcements:

• Personal Prayer with our Stephen Ministers Stephen Ministers will be in the chapel area of the church following each service to pray with you. Stephen Ministers are lay members of the community trained to listen, encourage and spiritually support those who are going through difficult times. Feel free to approach any Stephen Minister (they wear blue nametags) to talk confidentially about your concerns or to share your prayer request.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday May 19th: **Daughters of the King** meet following the 10:15 service in the conference room.
- Wednesday May 22nd: **Monthly meeting of the Bishop's Committee** meets at 6:00 PM in Scholastica and by Zoom.
- Saturday, June 1st: **First Saturday Evening Prayer with Eucharist** at 5:00 PM in the chapel. We will continue our journey through the Living Compass series with a focus on Care for the Body.
- Wednesday June 5th: **Stephen Ministry** meeting at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room.
- Sunday June 9th: **Graduation Celebrations** Graduations at all levels from preschool to PhD will be celebrated at both services. Please provide information about yourself or any graduate in your family on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Kathy Foxen.
- Tuesday June 11th: **Monthly dinner for Project TOUCH emergency shelter residents**. Meet at St. Thomas at 5:15 to caravan. A sign-up sheet will be available to bring a dish for the dinner. See Marva Ross for more information.
- Sunday, June 16^{th:} **Daughters of the King** meet following the 10:15 service in the conference room.
- Wednesday, June 19th: **Finance Committee** meets at 6:45 PM by Zoom

Weekly Recurring Events:

- **Compline** nightly at 8:00 by Zoom
- Study the Scriptures with Lani each Tuesday at 2:00 PM by Zoom
- **Bible Study with Fr. Bill Garrison** Wednesdays at 11:00 through June 3rd. For the Zoom link and study guide, go to www.toursofthebible.blogspot.com. The current study is on the Q Verses in the Gospels. (Bible Study will be on hiatus after June 3rd for the summer.)
- Choir Practice each Thursday at 7:00 PM
- **Prayers and Squares** quilters each Friday at 9:00 AM in Scholastica Feel free to use the QR code below to fulfill your pledge or otherwise make a donation to St. Thomas of Canterbury.

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- 1. Open the Camera app on your phone.
- 2.
- Then, point your phone to the QR code to scan it.
 Finally, tap the pop-up banner or QR icon in the bottom-right corner of the app. This will 3. immediately take you to the Tithly website.

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