

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
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February 7, 2021

We Welcome One and All
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The liturgical color today is white in green in preparation!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven
and earth!

Amen!

Prayer

Song

“Our Great Savior”

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Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]**

**Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Hear our prayer O Lord. We have gathered as Your people: broken, we are made whole; alone, we are welcomed into a family; forgiven, we are sent to serve. Fed, forgiven, restored, loved. This Table is our constant reminder of Your presence in our lives, of Your grace which makes us new in every moment. Forgive us our sin, Lord, and make us new... .in Christ we pray...

Response “Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson/Schaffer

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

**Spirit of the living God, may Your Kingdom come
Take my will, my life, my all; may Your will be done
Lead me, guide me, walk beside me
Spirit of the living God, may Your Kingdom come**

Words of Assurance and Hope

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!**

...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Message

"The Simple Truth!"

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory

“Order My Steps”

Penny Woods, soloist

Burleigh

Order my steps in Your word, dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Father I pray
Order my steps in Your word
Please, order my steps in Your word

Humbly, I ask Thee teach me Your will
While You are working, help me be still
'Cause Satan is busy, God is real
Order my steps in Your word
Please, order my steps in Your word

I want to walk worthy
My calling to fulfill
Please order my steps, Lord
And I'll do Your blessed will
The world is ever-changing
But You are still the same;
If you order my steps, I'll praise Your name

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight
Take charge of my thoughts both day and night;
Order my steps in Your word
Please order my steps in Your word

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The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy Christian Church

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen

A Celebration of Communion

*(If you wish to partake as the body of Christ, we invite you to
prepare the elements at home.)*

COMMUNION LITURGY

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope. We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed. We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

Here is the bread of life given for us;

let all who hunger come and eat.

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

let all who thirst come and drink.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.

Source of all life and goodness, You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty and preserve us by your providence. With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full
Full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise
of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

From Psalm 103, with additions

**Our Father, which 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 debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
And the glory, forever
Amen**

Benediction

Children & Worship series

“The Leaven” *from Matthew 1*

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Penny Woods
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton
Virtual Choir:	Lori Abbotts, Elisabeth Anderson, Joy Aird, Geoffrey Barnard, Will Howe, Andrea Lee, Steve Mange, Fred Northup, Julie Northup, Jeff Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman, Penny Woods

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this winter on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information.
All ladies are welcome.

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