

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
Founded 1660



May 23, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

PENTECOST

The liturgical color today is red representing the fire of the Holy Spirit!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Introit

“Breathe On Me, Holy One”

Cowan

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Rest on me, Heavenly Dove
Breathe on me, Holy One
Come, Holy Spirit, come

Call to Worship

God’s Spirit has poured out on all flesh,

All our children shall prophesy.

Young people shall see visions,

Elders shall dream dreams.

Even upon those whose voices are marginalized,

God’s spirit is poured out, and they will prophesy.

Rejoice, and worship God,

For the Spirit of God has alighted upon us all!

Prayer

*Song

‘Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth’

TRURO

Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
With rush of wind and roar of flame
With tongues of fire, saints spread good news
Earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim

You came in pow’r, the Church was born
O Holy Spirit, come again!
From living waters, raise new saints
Let new tongues hail the risen Lord

With burning words of vict'ry won
Inspire our hearts grown cold with fear
Revive in us baptismal grace
And fan our smold'ring lives to flame

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we confess that we have failed to live into Your ways. We have failed to trust You in our lives. We have failed to use the gifts of the Spirit to further the reign of God in this world. Forgive us for our shortcomings. Forgive us when we have focused on our own personal gains, on our own security and well-being, and neglected the call of the Spirit for the sake of the world. Forgive us, call us into accountability, and move us into Your ways of love, justice, and mercy. In the name of Christ we pray...

Response

'Spirit, Come Dispel Our Sadness'

PLEADING SAVIOR

Spirit, come dispel our sadness
Pierce the clouds of nature's night
Come, O Source of joy and gladness
Breathe your life and spread your light
From the height that knows no measure
As a gracious shower, descend
Bringing down the richest treasure
We can wish, or God can send

Author of the new creation
Come, anoint us with your power
Make our hearts your habitation
With your grace our spirits shower
Hear, O hear our supplication
Blessed Spirit, God of peace
Rest upon this congregation
With the fullness of your grace

Words of Assurance and Hope

The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

God knows our hearts. God knows our prayers.

God hears us when we confess our sins, and when we turn back to God.

God knows we desire to set our lives right.

Receive these words of assurance: you are God's beloved child. Whenever you turn back, God is waiting with open arms. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Go and share the Good News.

Amen.

Anthem

“Go Bear the Savior’s Name”

Mock/Büda

STRC Choir and Dance Ministry

**Go bear the Savior’s name throughout the earth
There is no other goal of greater worth
Than to shout, “The price is paid!”
For our atonement has been made
Go bear the Savior’s name throughout the earth**

**Go take the Savior’s name from sea to sea
Across the raging waters let us reach
We must tell what God has done
Of how He sent His only Son
Go take the Savior’s name from sea to sea**

**The Lord who sends you will open hearts to hear
The Lord will keep you while in His loving care
Go bear the Savior’s name
Go, all His love proclaim
Go bear the Savior’s name throughout the earth**

**We’ve a story to tell to the nations
That can turn all their hearts to the right
A story of truth and sweetness
A story of peace and light**

Go share the Savior's name with those you know
Provide the gospel news to every soul
Share His mercy, love and grace
And all the wonders of His ways
Go share the Savior's name with those you know

Children's Message

***Song**

'Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God'

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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

Scripture John 15:26-27

Message "Experience!"

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory "Du Bist die Ruh/Your Repose" -Op.59 No. 3
Schubert

Laura Strickling

You are repose and gentle peace
You are longing, and what stills it
Full of joy and grief
I consecrate to you my eyes and my heart
As a dwelling place
Come in to me
And softly close the gate behind you
Drive all other grief from my breast
Let my heart be full of your joy
The temple of my eyes is lit by your radiance alone
O, fill it wholly!

*Doxology

Pentecost Prayer (*insert - prayed responsively*)

The Lord's Prayer

*Song 'God's Holy Spirit Came'

LEONI

God's Holy Spirit came with rushing wind and fire
Christ's presence here to comfort, bless, and to inspire
The Spirit thus began God's holy work on earth
At Pentecost, a gift that gave the Church its birth

God sent the Spirit forth, fulfilling prophets' word
To those who followed Jesus and who called him Lord
Disciples gathered near the temple courts in prayer
The Spirit blew and rested on those clustered there

God's church, alive today, continues to proclaim
Salvation by the Spirit's power in Jesus' name
Let all believers now their tongues and lives employ
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, our highest joy

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Laura Strickling, STRC adult choir
Dance:	Rev. Rebecca Broom, Camille McKayle-Stolz
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton, Dave Whitter

A warm welcome to our visitors! You are invited to complete the visitor registration forms on the back table. Please then place them in the offering box.

The offering box is located on the small table at the back of the church. The online link is [STRCGIVING.ORG](https://www.strcgiving.org)

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

The church office will be closed on Mondays.

The flower arrangements on the altar are given by **Norm and Doreen Heyne**, celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary today.

Here is their address.
Norm and Doreen Heyne
1613 Bermuda Greens Blvd B8
Naples, FL 34110

The Ladies Bible Study concluded our Bible study of Joseph in affiliation with BSF International non denominational Bible studies.

In the fall we will be studying Matthew. If you are interested in doing an in-depth Bible study beginning in September call either Robin Marsella (6105978312) or Edye Ciaccia (6787725412) to sign up . May you all have a blessed summer and rest of this school year.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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