

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



*October 11, 2020*

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

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# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth of the church!

## “ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

### Greeting and Ministry Opportunities

**Introit**

**“You Are Here”**

*Talley*

**You are here, hallelujah  
You are here, amen  
You are here; holy, holy  
I will bless Your name again  
You are here; listen closely  
You are calling out my name  
You are here; I can touch You  
I will never be the same**

**I sense an awesome moving of the Holy Spirit  
I see God’s countenance resting on your face  
I know that there are angels hovering all around us  
For the presence of the Lord is in this place**

### Call to Worship

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

**Amen!**

### Prayer

**Song**

**‘Lord, I Need You’**

*Maher*

**Lord, I come; I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
And without You, I fall apart  
You’re the one that guides my heart**

### *Refrain*

Lord, I need You, oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me (*Refrain*)

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay (*Refrain*)

### Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving Jesus, You called us friends, but we have failed to be true friends. We have gossiped and spread rumors; we have lied and failed to keep promises; we have betrayed and denied our responsibilities to others. We have failed to care for our loved ones in need and at times have turned selfishly inward to our own interests and desires. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for failing to be the friends and family we ought to be to each other. Forgive us, dear Jesus, for not following Your ways of love and trust. In Your name, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray...

*Silence is kept...*

# Assurance of Pardon

**Song**

**'Lamb of God'**

*Paris*

Your only Son, no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love we crucified  
We laughed and scorned You as You died  
The humble King we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

## *Refrain*

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious love  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost, I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God (*Refrain*)

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 22: 1 - 14**

**Message**

**"Open For Debate!"**

## ...And Respond with Gratitude

### Offering

#### Offertory "Taste and See"

Houghton

D.J. Parson, piano/vocals ~ Dion Parson, drums ~ Tabari Lake, bass

Taste and see that the Lord is good  
You've tried ev'rything  
That you thought you could, oh  
Taste and see that His love is real  
Open up right now  
Let your heart be filled

With peace overflowing, joy everlasting  
Love so amazing; taste, oh yeah  
Life so exciting, hope so inviting  
All who are crying to be free  
Taste and see

Taste and see that His Word is true  
You've been hurt before  
He won't lie to you, oh  
Taste and see, never thirst again  
Every broken heart Jesus Christ will mend

You'll never know 'til you try  
You'll never live 'til you die to yourself  
And find for yourself that He's good  
You'll never see with your eyes  
Until your heart realizes that  
He is all that you need

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# Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

**'O, How I Love Jesus'**

*Whitfield*

There is a name I love to hear  
I love to sing its worth  
It sounds like music in my ear  
The sweetest name on earth

### *Refrain*

O how I love Jesus  
O how I love Jesus  
O how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me

It tells me of a Savior's love  
Who died to set me free  
It tells me of His precious blood  
The sinner's perfect plea (*Refrain*)

It tells of one whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below (*Refrain*)

## Benediction

Choral Benediction

**"Sevenfold Amen"**

*Stainer*

*\*portions of the liturgy are adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell,  
rev-o-lution.org.*

## GIVING THANKS:

### Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, D.J. Parson, Dion Parson, Tabari Lake
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton
Virtual Choir:	Joy Aird, Elisabeth Anderson, Geoffrey Barnard, William Howe, Andrea Lee, Fred Northup, Julie Northup, Jeffrey Smith, Judy Spurrell, Bonnie Troutman

**WELCOME ...** we are blessed to have you with us today.

Today we celebrate Birthday Sunday  
a new way, online! Here is the info to connect.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 824 8316 2684**

**Passcode: 007501**

**Contact Elisabeth Anderson**

**@ [mewanderson@gmail.com](mailto:mewanderson@gmail.com) if you have any questions.**

**The Ladies Bible Study** is continuing to meet this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 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.

**The Men's Ministry Bible Study** also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information 340-474-0472 or [forrestbroom@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbroom@gmail.com).

**Lectionary Scripture Readings** for this week:

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7;  
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;  
Matthew 22:15-22

## **Last chance to be a participant!**

### **BREAKING BREAD – ZOOM EDITION**

Do you miss greeting and connecting with other people after church on Sundays? Feeling isolated by the pandemic? We have an answer for you! Our “Breaking Bread” program is now virtual. You will be part of a small group that meets once a month to share a meal together using Zoom! A great way to reconnect without ever having to leave your home. (Help will be made available for those who need assistance with the Zoom setup.) This session will run for October, November and December, 2020. Sign up with Jan Swenson by today at [island\\_jan1@yahoo.com](mailto:island_jan1@yahoo.com). Please include names of participants, phone numbers and email addresses.

Let's reunite by breaking some bread together  
– VIRTUALLY!

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