

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



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

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Twentieth 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

“Speak, O Lord”

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Prayer

Song

'O God of Vision'

LOVE DEN HERREN

O God of vision

Far greater than all human scheming

Gather us now in Your presence

Refreshing redeeming

Show us anew

Life in Your breathtaking view

Lovely beyond all our dreaming

Pour out Your Spirit on all

Now assembled before You

Make our diversity here

Be a means to adore You

Women and men young old and youthful again

Make us as one we implore You

Grant to us insight O God

For this time of decision

May we dream challenging dreams

Of both depth and precision

Speak through the dark

Dispel by lightning's bright spark

Whatever clouds dim our vision

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, here we are with many faults together with our few gifts and loves. Here we are with the fruits of some wisdom but also with the weeds of our folly. Here we are bearing the gratitude for a small victories yet shame for soft defeats. Here we are aware of some sins but blind to other aspects of evil in our lives. Here we are wanting you to know it all, to forgive the ugly and rescue the beautiful. God our Savior, here we are totally dependent on your gift of salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord...

Silence is kept...

Assurance of Pardon

Song

'Give Me Jesus'

Spiritual

**In the morning when I rise (3x)
Give me Jesus**

***Chorus:*
Give me Jesus (2x)
You can have all this world
Give me Jesus**

**And when I am alone (3x)
Give me Jesus (*chorus*)**

**And when I come to die (3x)
Give me Jesus (*chorus*)**

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Message

“Faith and Politics!”

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“Have Thine Own Way”

Andrew Neevel, soloist

Miller

Have Thine own way, Lord
Search me and try me, Savior, I pray
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still
Search me and try me, Savior, today
Wash me right now, Lord
While in Thy presence humbly I bow
Have Thine own way, Lord
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray
Fill with Thy Spirit, till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me

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Remembering Past Volunteer Work Teams

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

'Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness'

HOLY MANNA

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness
You have spoken - we rejoice
Words of love and life and freedom
Help us make their truth our choice
Now in holy celebration
For your Word we worship you
Spoken, written, known in Jesus
Ours today to prove anew

May we hear with understanding
By your Spirit taught and led
May the springs of all our being
By your living Word be fed
May our hearts accept with meekness
All the grace your light makes known
May obedience mark our footsteps
Till we make each word our own

You have spoken; yours the fullness
Ours the wealth of this, your Word
Debtors, then, as living letters
We must make your gospel heard
By your Spirit's power transform us
Shed your saving light abroad
Till our lives by love in action
Show our world the truth of God

Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together
Preaching: Pastor Jeffrey Neevel
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Andrew Neevel
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb, Lucy Sutton

WELCOME ... we are so thankful to have you worshipping with us today.

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.

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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