

# ***St. Thomas Episcopal Church***

*Eustis, Florida*

***September 20, 2020***

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 20*



**The Reverend Canon Ernie Bennett, Interim Priest-in-Charge**

We Welcome You

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent;  
for this is the House of God.

Before the service we speak to the Lord.

During the service we let the Lord speak to us.

After the service, we speak to one another.

**“A traditional Episcopal Church where you can worship God with a sense of belonging.”**

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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Ginny Kieran in honor of their sons, Brian and Chris.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Central Florida are carefully monitoring the Lake County Covid Statistics and doing everything possible to keep our parishioners safe. We will keep you apprised of any and all changes as they occur. If you have experienced any symptoms and/or been exposed to Covid 19, please take care of yourself and stay at home.

We are now livestreaming our Sunday service at 9:00am on Facebook. The Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasEustis/>. Please join us if you are unable to attend in person.

Please join Canon Ernie for the Thursday Healing Service at 10am in the sanctuary. This service is smaller and easier to social distance.

**Lectors:**

OT: Monika Potter  
NT: Stephen Luche  
POP: Gail Carlson

**Ushers:**

Cliff Martin  
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## The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

### The Word of God

Opening Hymn (*Please Stand*)

#686: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, v. All

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says:*

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 following hymn of praise is sung, all standing.*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people:*

The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect:*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## **The Lessons**

*The people sit.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Exodus**

#### **Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
42. For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

### **A Reading from Philippians**

#### **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn *(Please Stand)*

#551 Rise Up Ye Saints of God, v, All

*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.*

*Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:  
Bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.*

*Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Canon Ernie Bennett, Interim Priest in Charge

*All stand for*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

*All kneel.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray for those who are sick:

Jeff and Pam Ray, Leon Stricklen, Carole Warner, Evelyn Wright, Monika Potter, Nancy Pyle, Sharon Miller, Ruth Pawliczak, Toni, Donna Pfister, Penny Pfister, David Easter, Kathy Easter, Pat Joyce, Margo Odom, Police Officers, Ruth Chester, Linda Shreve, Brandon, Jerry Fields, Firefighters, Our Vestry, St. Thomas Church, Robert Winslow, Marsha Winslow, Chuck Croan, Burt Gulston, Kirt Gillum, and Bruce Rispoli.

*(Please note: Intercessory prayer will be offered for 4 weeks for each person, then assuming a healing, they will be moved from the prayer list. If you would like someone added back onto the list, simply call the church office or drop their name in the collection plate. Thank you! This will keep our prayer list current.)*

Christ the King Church, Lakeland and St. Stephen's, Lakeland

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays,

Birthdays: 20 Sonia Carter and Sofia Lahey

23 Michael Ladd

25 Ginny Kieran

*The People may add their own petitions.*

The Celebrant add a Collect.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says;*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant, stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may safely greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn**

Instrumental Music



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand for Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**People:**        **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

*Celebrant and People:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are 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.*

*The people stand or kneel while The Celebrant continues:*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant:*

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then Celebrant may sing or say:*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be,  
A living fire.*

*While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;  
Wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:*

**Deacon:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**