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Sunday Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. in the church library
Children's Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. in Cooper Hall
Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 8 (all chant the psalm on the following tone)



- 1 O LORD our **Governor**, *
how exalted is your Name in all the **world!**
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and **children** *
your majesty is praised above the **heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your **adversaries**, *
to quell the enemy and the **avenger.**
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your **fingers**, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their **courses,**
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of **him?** *
the son of man that you should seek him **out?**
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the **angels;** *
you adorn him with glory and **honor;**
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your **hands;** *
you put all things under his **feet:**
- 8 All sheep and **oxen**, *
even the wild beasts of the **field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the **sea,** *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the **sea.**
- 10 O LORD our **Governor**, *
how exalted is your Name in all the **world!**

The Epistle Romans 5:1-5

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only

that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The people may stand.

512 Hymn ***Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove***

Mendon

The Holy Gospel John 16:12-15

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

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The people may stand.

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 I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ***John Tolbert, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Julia Credle, Peggy Parker, Mary Gillam, Rita Hoggard, Daniel Perry, Steve Wilson, Betty Hayden, Bill Pridgen, Marti Tyler, Ann Cowper, Connie Boyd***, and others known to us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *(Please stay in your pew.)*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

O God, Almighty Father

368 Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator

Regent Square

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**S 128 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Mathias

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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. The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

S154 Fraction Anthem

*choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

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.

Ministration of Communion

The bread and the wine will be offered in stations near the chancel steps. After the choir receives communion, the lectern side will receive first. Everyone should use the lectern side of the aisle going to communion; use the pulpit side of the aisle going back to your seat. We are using biodegradable cups for the wine. Please pick up your own cup, step away from the table, and then deposit the cup into the trash can located in the first pew. Please let an usher know if you prefer to have communion brought to you.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Loving God,

we give you thanks for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

371 Hymn *Thou, whose almighty word*

Moscow

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Allegretto

Haydn/arr. Kimball

The Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Horton

Organist/choir director: Tom Parker

Lector: Jaquelin Perry

Usher: Bob Capehart

Altar Guild: Pat Ivey, Kristen Warren, Harriet Stout

Hostesses: Janet Capehart, Jane Hall, Vicky Leggett

Counters: Bob Capehart, Jaquelin Perry

Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Cooper

Announcements

The St. Thomas Church Family congratulates Annie Hayes Trowell on her graduation from Lawrence Academy on Thursday, May 26, 2022. She will continue her education at UNC-Wilmington, in the fall of 2022.

The Bell Family regrets that we are unable to host the St. Thomas Sunday School Picnic at Eden House this year. However, we look forward to welcoming the St. Thomas family for the Sunday School Picnic in June 2023.

CB Guess is currently working to update the Church Directory. She will be contacting church members via email. Please be on the lookout for an email from her - her email address is edenhouse3@gmail.com

Don't forget to contact The Opportunity Shop for all your dry cleaning needs, 794-5595. They are using Rochelle Cleaners of Edenton.

All announcements to be included in the weekly bulletin may be sent to CB Guess at edenhouse3@gmail.com by Wednesdays at noon.

To add or remove a name from the church's prayer list, please email Tom Parker at tparker27804@aol.com.

