

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JUNE 5, 2021 – 5:30PM SERVICE

JUNE 6, 2021 – 11:00AM SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OPENING HYMN	<i>Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness (verses 1, 2)</i>	Hymnal #381
OFFERTORY	<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>	Hymnal #620
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus</i>	Hymnal #336
CLOSING HYMN	<i>How Wondrous and Great Thy Works</i>	Hymnal #533

THE COLLECT: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE: *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

PSALM: *Psalms 138*

- ¹ *I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.*
- ² *I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;*
- ³ *For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.*
- ⁴ *When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.*
- ⁵ *All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.*
- ⁶ *They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.*
- ⁷ *Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.*
- ⁸ *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.*
- ⁹ *The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.*

Holy Gospel – *Mark 3:20-35*

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”