

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JULY 18, 2021 – 9:00AM ONLINE SERVICE ➤ THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Words to music will be included in the video.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

PSALM: *Psalms 89:20-37*

- 20 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.**
21 My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.
22 No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.
23 I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
25 I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
27 I will make him my firstborn * and higher than the kings of the earth.
28 I will keep my love for him for ever, * and my covenant will stand firm for him.
29 I will establish his line for ever * and his throne as the days of heaven."
30 "If his children forsake my law * and do not walk according to my judgments;
31 If they break my statutes * and do not keep my commandments;
32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod * and their iniquities with the lash;
33 But I will not take my love from him, * nor let my faithfulness prove false.
34 I will not break my covenant, * nor change what has gone out of my lips.
35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: * 'I will not lie to David.
36 His line shall endure for ever * and his throne as the sun before me;
37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, * the abiding witness in the sky.' "

THE GOSPEL: *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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