

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



November 7, 2021

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the mission of the church!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Introit

“Glorify Thy Name”

Adkins

Oh Lord, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Savior, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

We gather now to give thanks to our God,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We lift up our hearts, our prayers and praise to God,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We reflect and ponder the Word and wisdom of God,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

We join together as followers of Jesus Christ,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer

*Hymn

‘We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God’

ELLACOMBE

We sing Your mighty power, O God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at Your command
And all the stars obey

We sing Your goodness, sovereign God
Who filled the earth with food
You formed the creatures with your word
And then pronounced them good
Oh, how Your wonders are displayed
Where'er we turn our eyes
If we survey the ground we tread
Or gaze upon the skies

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Your glories known
And clouds arise, and tempests blow
By order from Your throne
While all that borrows life from You
Is ever in Your care
And everywhere that we can be
You, God, are present there

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Everlasting Love, we confess that we are often short-tempered and short-sighted. When we fail to remember that our days are short, forgive us Lord, and help us remember that You are the one who reigns forever. Forgive us when we neglect the needs of others and remind us that we are connected to each other. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. You call us into Your work of justice and reparation. God, hold us accountable. Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and mercy in Christ...

Response

'Open the Eyes of My Heart'

Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

*Hymn

'O Day of God, Draw Nigh'

TRENTHAM

O day of God, draw nigh
In beauty and in power
Come with your timeless judgement now
To match our present hour

Bring to our troubled minds
Uncertain and afraid
The quiet of a steadfast faith
The calm of a call obeyed

Bring justice to our land
That all may dwell secure
And finely build for days to come
Foundations that endure

O day of God, draw nigh
As at creation's birth
Let there be light again, and set
Your judgements on the earth

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

Scripture

Hebrews 9:24-28

Message

"In The End!"

Pastor Jeff Neevel

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

(You are invited to bring your gifts to the altar and place them in the offering plates or in the box by the front sanctuary door. Online giving is also available at www.strcgiving.org.)

Offertory

“How Great Thou Art”
Laura Strickling, soprano

Hine, arr. Larson

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (*refrain*)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (*refrain*)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (*refrain*)

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

A Celebration of Communion

(All who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table. Beginning with the back pews, you are invited to come forward using the side aisles, to receive the bread and juice. Then return to your seat using the center aisle to partake.)

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed. We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

Here is the bread of life given for us;

let all who hunger come and eat.

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

let all who thirst come and drink.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.

Source of all life and goodness, You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty, and preserve us by your providence.

With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

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

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

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

*THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise
of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**
From Psalm 103, with additions

***The Lord's Prayer**

Malotte

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever Amen

***Benediction**

**Please stand.*

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Liturgist:	Pastor Ben Rowe
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Laura Strickling, STRC Adult Choir
Greeter:	Chantal Figueroa
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton, Dave Whitter

Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8