February 9th, 2020

The Fifth Sunday

After Epiphany

10:30 am





Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong! If you need help, ask the person next to you. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 8am- Rite I (spoken Eucharist) Sunday 10:30am- Rite II (sung Eucharist) Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

Ask, Seek, Knock from Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. We welcome everyone to drop in and check out the many offerings. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6th grade- meet weekly at 9:15am
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th grades- meet semi-weekly at 11:45am
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8- meet weekly at 9:00am
- ECM, college age students- meet weekly on Weds at 5:30pm
- The Parlor Class, adult ed-meet weekly at 9:15am
- Novel Theology, all ages- meet monthly at 9:15am
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages- meet weekly on Weds at 10:30am

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please ask any member of the vestry, speak with Fr Howie, or visit our website: www.stthomasparish.org

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

Five minutes before the service begins, the bell in the Great Hall will be rung, calling us to a period of quiet and preparation.

Prelude

At the Procession

Hymnal 9, vv. 4, 5, 6

THE WORD OF GOD

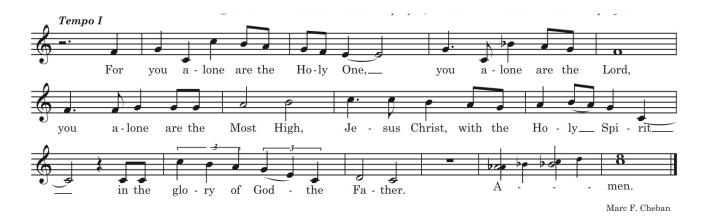
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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 Gloria





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



- 1 Alleluia! Happy are they >> who **fear** the Lord * and have great delight >> in **his** com-mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be might->> y **in** the land; * the generation of the up->> right **will** be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will >> be **in** their house, * and their righteousness >> will **last** for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the dark->> ness **for** the upright; * the righteous are merciful and >> full **of** com-passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be gen->> er-ous in lending * and to manage their >> af-fairs with justice.
- 6 For they will >> ne-**ver** be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in ever->> last-**ing** re-membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of an->> y **e**-vil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their >> trust **in** the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established >> and will not shrink, * until they see their desire >> u-pon their enemies.
- **B** 9 They have given free->> ly **to** the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up >> their **head** with honor.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual We Are the Lords

Arr. Roland E. Martin, ed. Cheban

All stand

The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

- "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your

righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr Sasser

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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have seen the light of Christ, and for all who work to spread it in the world. May they have the joy that moves mountains and the peace that wins over all enemies. We pray especially for Christians whose faith must withstand the loss of home, family, and personal safety. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of Christian communities around the world. May their wisdom and gentleness inspire the faithful and convert the hard-hearted. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, all those who lead the Anglican Communion and those who lead our own Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who lead the nations of the world, and for all countries and people. May they do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly as servants of the Kingdom of God. We pray especially for our President, our Governor, and our Mayor, and for all who work for peace and reconciliation. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the needs of our own community, for our neighbors, and for those whose dignity depends on our compassion. In helping and being helped, may we make one another holy. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have lost home and security through war, natural disaster, and economic hardship. May we have the courage and energy to see and respond to their needs, and may they find the safe rest that is a foretaste of our promised rest in Heaven. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who risk their own safety for the sake of others, all who work for the safety of our own community, and all who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, and those we name now, aloud or in our. May they find healing and strength. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our partners in mission, especially for the Anglican Church of Canada, and for St Anne's School, Middletown. May they join with us in spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who have died, and all those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. We give thanks for all the saints and faithful people who have gone before us. May they have rest from their labors and a share in God's promises. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn
Hymnal 518

Presentation of the Offerings



Marc F. Cheban

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is the custom at St Thomas's to gather at the altar during the singing of "Come to the Table" for the celebration of the Eucharist. All are invited, but no one should feel that it is mandatory or that choosing not to come up is wrong for any reason. Equally, no one should worry that any special status or greater holiness is required to stand closer to the altar. Wherever you choose to stand, kneel, or sit, please know that it is where your heart lies that matters to God.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

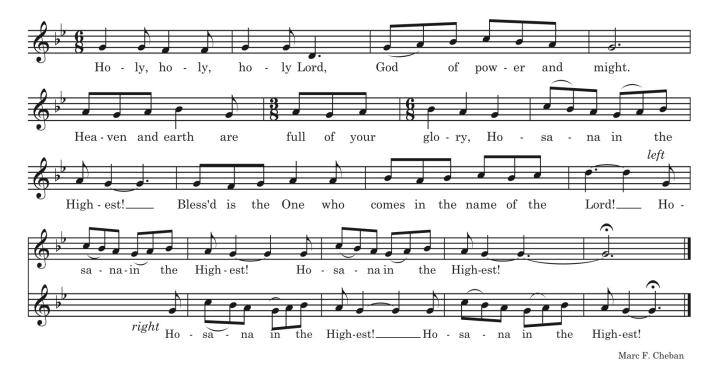
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant 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. [*Proper Preface*] 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:

Sanctus



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

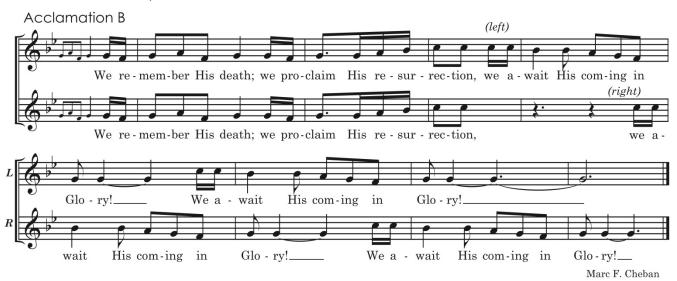
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

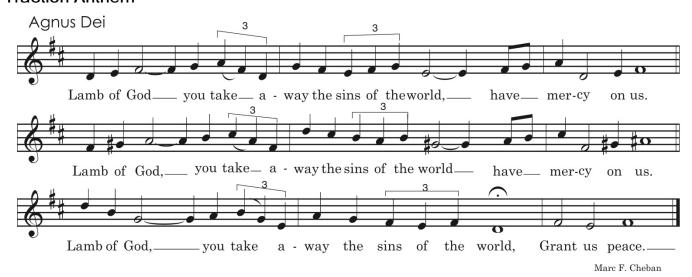
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

Fraction Anthem



Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world; Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion. Extend your palms to receive the bread. For the wine, you may either dip a portion of your bread into the chalice, or drink directly from it. To do so, allow the Eucharistic minister to raise the chalice to your lips, and grasp the base of the chalice to tip it. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms in front of your chest when the priest or deacon comes by to let him or her know you would like a blessing.

Communion Hymn Hymnal 302

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (on some Sundays)

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing

these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

body and blood of Christ.

All We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread and

one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

At the Procession Hymnal 419

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Parish Prayer List

Alma Jane & Family Pat

Amanda Jayne Pat & Dan Jenna Puleo Peter & Mike Andre Andrea, Lucia, & TJ Jesson & Family Phil & Terri **Archer Family** Jim **Phyllis Arline** Josh Rashida Arthur Josh Moyer Reginald Alana Davies Joyce Reid

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BabyDawson Jule & Family Roman
Beverly and Larry Katy & Family Samuel
Becky Ken & Family Sandy
Beryl LaneFamily Shirley

BobLisaSondra & JeffBobLukeSophia & FamilyCashMargaret HanerSouth Family

Charles Baxter Marian & Family Susan & James
Chaun Marie Stanley

ChaunMarieStanleyChris & GingerMary & FamilyStevenCindyMichaelThadineDale & FamilyMichael FarrellThomas

Dave Mike & Angie Tim and Family

Delores Morgan & Family Vicki Elmer Nan Vivian

Elsie Nancy & Family Weaver Family

Giorgio & Family Nathalie & Maya Wayne

Greg Nelson William McClements

HarrisonFamily Nicole WilsonFamily

Ina Nikki & Family
James & Clair Olivia

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam **James** Marvin Matthew Annie Joe Nate Ben Josh Bob Kagen **Nicholas** Bradley Kate Stuart **Brett** Tyler Kathy Victoria Brian Kevin

Christie Luke

Dave

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The altar flowers today are generously given by Beryl King in memory of J. Robert King



Both pictures this morning are versions of The Sermon on the Mount. The 8:00 picture (above) is of a fresco by Fra Angelico (1395-1455). The 10:30 picture is of a painting by Karoly Ferenczy (1862-1917).

| WORSHIP MINISTRIES | | | | | |
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| February 9, 2020 | | | | | |
| | 8 am | 10:30 am | | | |
| Ushers | Jean Runge | Ryan Waltz | | | |
| | Connie Malin | Jamie Sloan | | | |
| Acolyte/ | Ronnie Wilbur | | | | |
| Lay Sub Deacon | | Mike Grabowski | | | |
| Reader 1 | Frank Rawling | Teri Quinn-Gray | | | |
| Reader 2 | Amy Keach | Shonette Carew | | | |
| Communion | Belinda Young-Payne | Bruce Finnie | | | |
| Assistants | Rue Manning | Judy Grabowski | | | |
| Prayers of the | Duncan Pike | Bruce Finnie | | | |
| People | | | | | |
| Vestry | Rejane DeMoraes | | | | |
| Representative | | | | | |
| Eucharistic Visitors | Teri Quinn-Gray | | | | |
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| Celebrant and Preacher- Fr. Sasser | | | | | |

| WORSHIP MINISTRIES | | | | | |
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| February 16, 2020 | | | | | |
| | 8 am | 10:30 am | | | |
| Ushers | Velda and Duncan Pike | Jon and Laura Greene | | | |
| Acolyte/ | Tom Fairchild | | | | |
| Lay Sub Deacon | | Bruce Finnie | | | |
| Reader 1 | Amy Keach | Kristin Sausville | | | |
| Reader 2 | Richard Sharpe | Connie Cooper | | | |
| Communion | Teresa Coons | Lisa Goodwin | | | |
| Assistants | Annemarie Wenz | Justin Sausville | | | |
| Prayers of the | Barry Gregg | Kate Donnelly | | | |
| People | | | | | |
| Vestry | Jeanne McCann | | | | |
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The Vestry

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| Rejane deMoraes | DJ Ferguson | LaRue Manning |
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