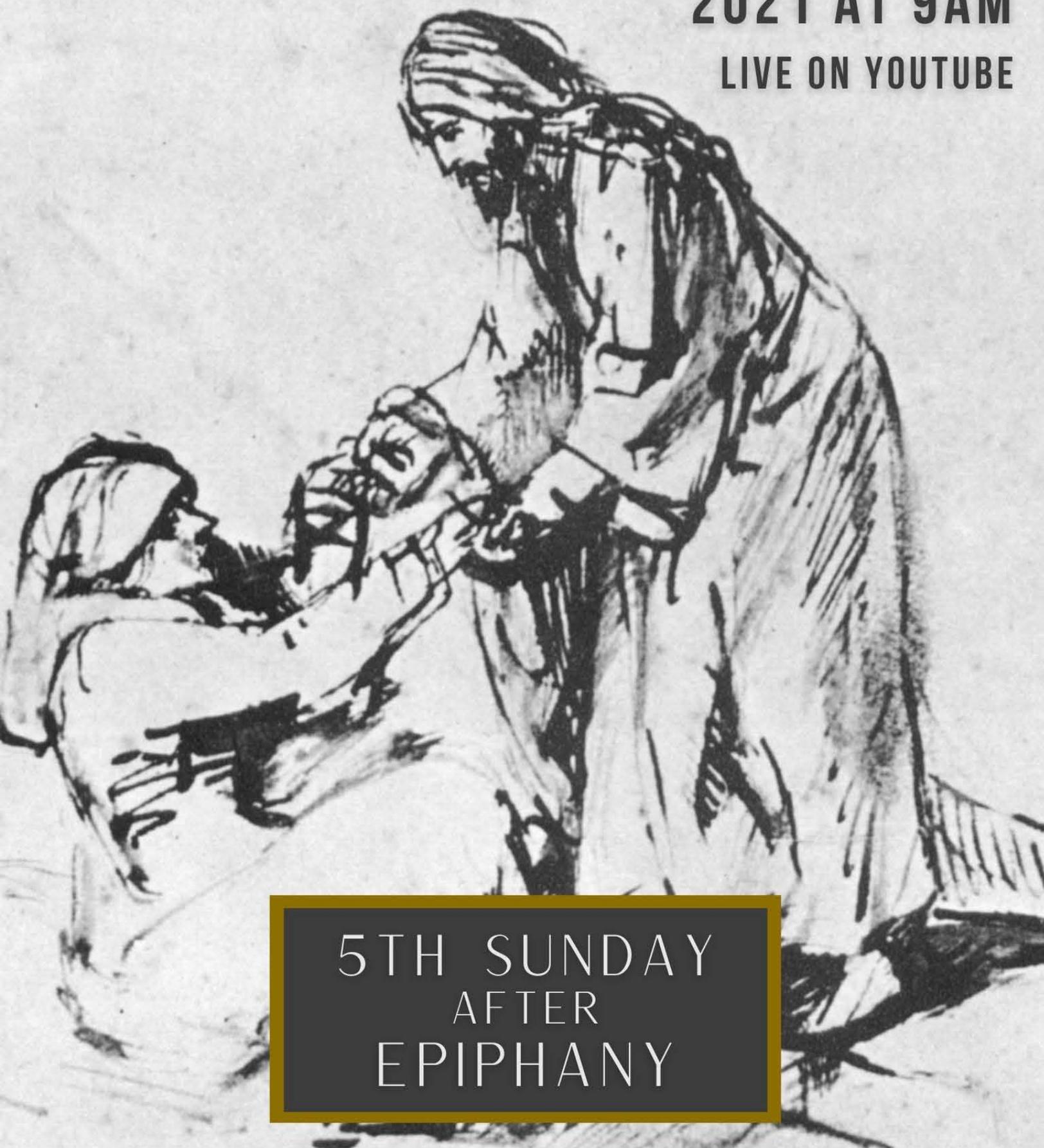


**FEBRUARY 7TH
2021 AT 9AM
LIVE ON YOUTUBE**



**5TH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY**

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)

Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom

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.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

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 visit our website: www.stthomasparish.org.

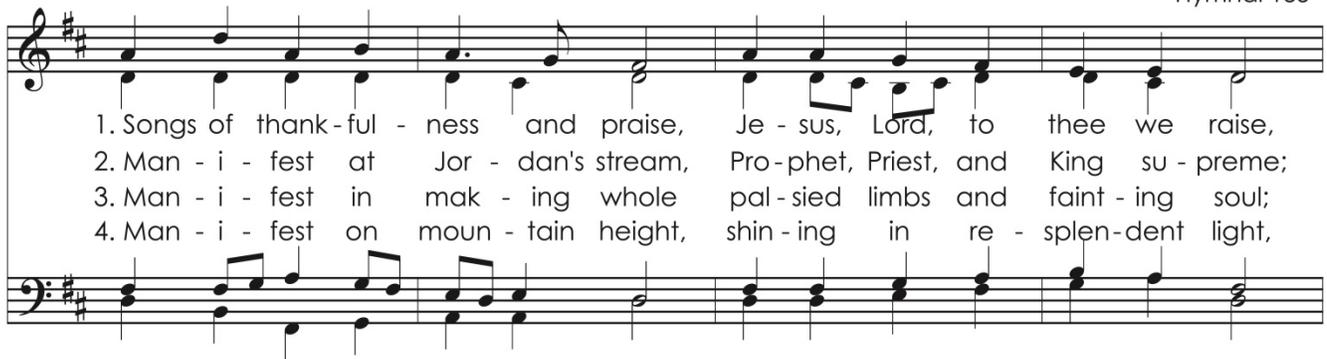
In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

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

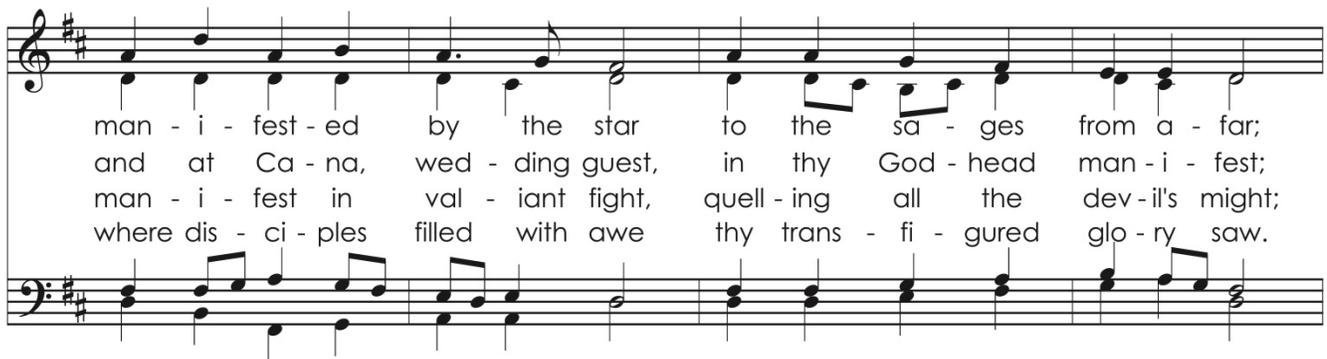
Procession

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

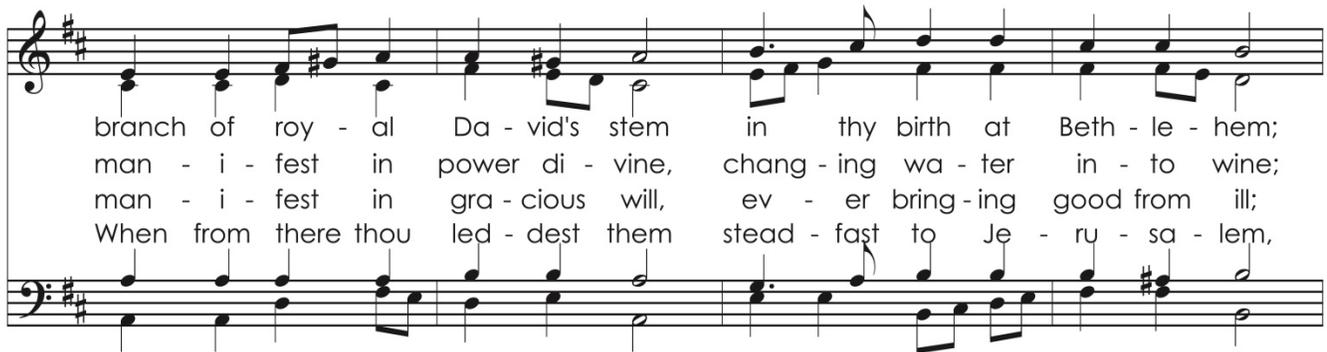
Hymnal 135



1. Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4. Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant 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

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav - en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. We praise you for your glo - ry.

faster, like a chant

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; *left* re ceive our prayer; re - ceive our prayer.
right re - ceive our prayer; re - ceive our prayer.

Tempo I

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit
 in the glo - ry of God - the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Marc F. Cheban

The Collects

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.**

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Laudate Dominum

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Haywood

Helen Spence, Soprano

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials Lord, walk with me; when the shades of life are falling,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; when my heart within is aching,
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 hearts. May they find healing and strength. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our partners in mission, especially The Anglican Church of Burundi and Saint 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, especially 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

Revive Us Again

LEVAS #157



1. We praise thee, O God, for the son of thy love, for _____
2. We praise thee, O God, for thy spi - rit of light, who has
3. All glo - ry and praise to the lamb that was slain, who has
4. Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love, may each



Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - ter'd our night.
borne all our sins, and has cleans'd ev - 'ry stain.
soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A -



men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the High - est!
Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! — Ho - sa - na in
the High - est! Ho - sa - na in the High - est!
Right Ho - sa - na in the High - est! Ho - sa - na in the High - est!

Left

Right

Marc F. Cheban

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

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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

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.

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

In Christ There is No East or West

Hymnal 529

1. In ___ Christ there is no ___ East or West, in
2. In ___ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3. Join ___ hands, dis - ci - ples ___ of the faith, what
4. In ___ Christ now meet both ___ East and West, in

Him no South or ___ North; but one great fel - low -
high com - mu - ion ___ find; His ___ ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
Him meet South and North; All ___ Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out ___ the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close ___ bind - ing hu - man kind.
as His child is ___ sure - ly kin ___ to me.
one in Him through - out ___ the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

The picture this morning of a sketch of Jesus
with Peter's mother-in-law
by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669).

Parish Prayer List

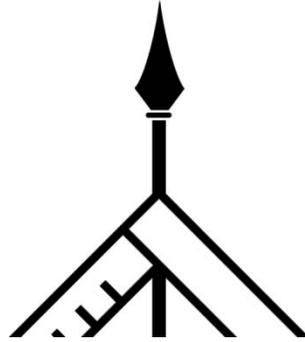
Alan L	Deacon Cecily	Luke	Reid
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Amanda	Doug H	Margurite	Roxanna
Andre	Elmer	Maria	Ruth
Archer Family	Erin L & babies	Marian & Family	Samuel
Arline	Fred & Lori	Marie	Sandy
Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds	Mary & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Audrey	Giorgio & Family	Michael	Shirley
Ayla H	Greg	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Beverly and Larry	HarrisonFamily	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Becky	Hope Bruckner	Morgan & Family	SouthFamily
Beryl	Ina	Nan	Susan & James
Bill & Sandy	Jane & Family	Nancy & Family	Stacy L
Bob Taylor	Jean & Richard	Nate	Stanley
Bosco Family	Pawl	Nathalie & Maya	Steven
Brian Smith	Geoff Coons	Nelson	Stover
Cathy	Jenna Puleo	Nicholas & Family	Sue James
Carol	Jim	Nicole	Terrie W
Carol Mullinix	Josh Moyer	Nikki & Family	Thadine
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Chaun	Jule & Family	Noah P	Thomas
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Christine & Erich	Ken & Family	Olivia	Vicki
Christine & Francis	Kevin	Pat & Dan	Vivian
Christopher Corbin	Kizis family	Pat & Emmett	Wanda
Cindy	Lane Family	Peter & Mike	Wayne
Colin	Larry	Phil & Jen	WeaverFamily
Dale & Family	Laurie J	Phil & Terri	William McClements
Darnell	Linda Alexis	Phyllis	WilsonFamily
Darrell	Lisa	Rashida	
Dawn & DW	Liz & Family	Reginald	

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

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

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.

1/27/2021



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