

ST THOMAS'S
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after Pentecost

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 on our website.

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 8am- Rite I, spoken**
- **Sunday 10:30am- Rite II, with music**
- **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, 8th grade
- 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: **StThomasNewarkDe.church**

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 online, speak with anyone in the pews around you 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!

Prelude

Procession

Give Praise and Glory Unto God

Hymnal 375

1. Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2. The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3. What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more us - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ey - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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

Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace - to his people on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 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: re - ceive our prayer. 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 Spir - it, in the
glor - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.*

All sit for the reading of the lessons.

The Lessons

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

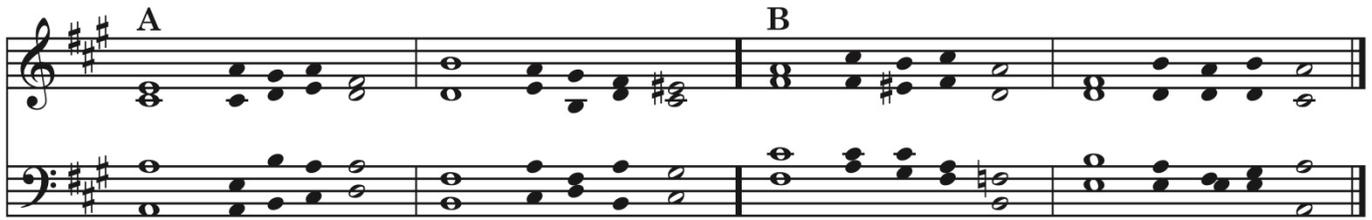
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the >> *Lord* **O** my soul *
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while >> *I have* my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in an->> y **child** of earth, *
 for there is >> **no help** in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they >> **re-turn** to earth, *
 and in that >> **day their thoughts** perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Ja->> **cob for** their help, *
 whose hope is in >> **the Lord** their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and >> **all that** is in them; *
 who keeps his >> **prom-ise** for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those >> **who are** op-pressed *
 and food >> **to those** who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free,
 and opens the >> **eyes of** the blind; *
 the Lord lifts up those >> **who are** bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous and >> **cares for** the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the >> **way of** the wicked.
- B** 9 The Lord >> **shall reign** for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. >> **Hal-le-lu-jah!**

Epistle Lesson

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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 *Litany of Labor for Labor Day Weekend*

Leader Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

 Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.
People **You placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it.**

Leader Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

People **You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

Leader By our labor, you enrich the world.

People **By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

Leader By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

People **By our labor, our families are made secure.**

Leader For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

People **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

People We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

People We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

People You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Leader Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

People Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Leader Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

People Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Leader Keep us from laboring only for greed.

People Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Hymnal 429



1. I'll praise my Ma - ker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2. How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4. I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves th'op-pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - 'ner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Presentation of the Offerings

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. [*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 S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Robert Powell

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

Blessed are Those

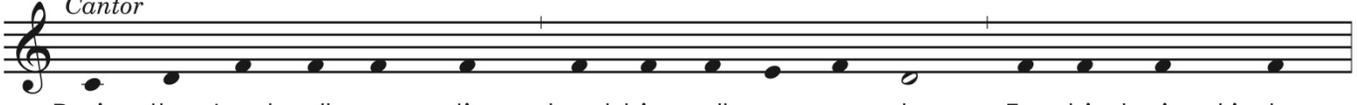
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First Cantor, then All

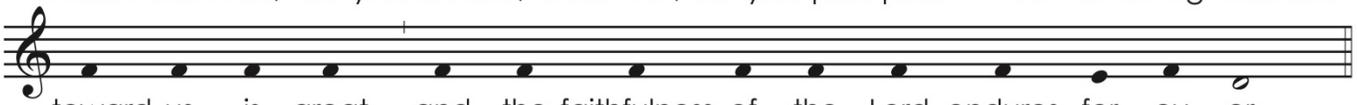


Bless-ed are__ those who are call - ed to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Cantor



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo-ples. For his loving kindness



toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er.

All



Bless-ed are__ those who are call - ed to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Ambrosian chant

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.

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

O Love That Casts Out Fear

Hymnal 700

1. O love that casts out fear, O love that casts out sin,
2. True sun - light of the soul, sur - round us as we go;
3. Great love of God, come in! Well - spring of heav'n - ly peace;
4. Love of the liv - ing God, of Fa - ther and of Son;

tar - ry no more with - out, but come and dwell with - in.
so shall our way be safe, our feet no stray - ing know.
thou Liv - ing Wa - ter, come! Spring up, and nev - er cease.
love of the Ho - ly Ghost, fill thou each need - y one.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining four lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The altar flowers today
are given by
The Carew Family
with thanksgiving for
a safe back-to-school
for Philip, Cristian,
and all kids everywhere.

A Prayer for the Parish's Strategic Planning Group

Holy God, you raise up laborers for your harvest, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless those engaged in the tending and renewing of your Church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen.

*Both pictures this morning are of the story of
Jesus and the Syrophenician woman.*

*The 8:00 picture is of an unidentified medieval Gospel book illustration.
The 10:30 picture is of a pen-and-ink sketch by Rembrandt (1606-1669).*

Parish Prayer List

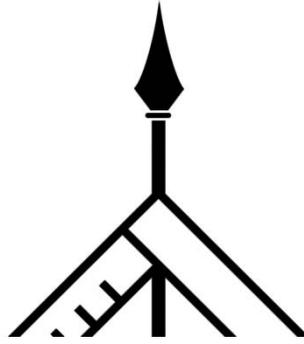
Alan L	Delores	Larry	Reginald
Alma	Donna E and family	Laurie J	Reid
Amber Richardson	Doug H	Linda Alexis	Rick R
Andre	Elmer	Lisa	Rob
Archer Family	Erin L & babies	Luke	Roberta Bennett
Arline	Fred & Lori	Lynn Dunham	Roman
Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds	Lynsey & Marcia	Roxanna
Ayla H	Geoff Coons	Marge Cann	Ruth
Beverly and Larry	Giorgio & Family	Maria	Samuel
Becky	Greg	Marian & Family	Sandy
Beryl	Hale	Marie	Sandy Sorenson
Bill & Sandy	Hailu He	Mary & Family	Shirley
Blackman Family	HarrisonFamily	Michael	Sondra & Jeff
Bob T	Ina	Mike & Angie	Sophia & Family
Bosco Family	Jane & Family	Mike Reynolds	South Family
Brian Smith	Jean & Richard Pawl	Morgan & Family	Susan & family
Cathy	Jesse, Memphis &	Nan	Stacy L
Carol	family	Nate	Stanley
Carol Mullinix	Jim	Nathalie & Maya	Stephanie W
Carolyn Bowman	Jim T	Nelson	Steven
Charles Baxter	Johanna and Philip	Nicole	Stover
Chaun	Jon Tyler	Nikki & Family	Sue James
Chris & Ginger	Josh Moyer	Noah	Terrie W
Christine & Erich	Joyce Kee	Norman H	Thadine
Christine & Francis	Jude	Olivia	Tom
Christopher Corbin	Jule & Family	Pam Devoe	Thomas
Chuck	June	Pat & Dan	Vicki
Cindy	Justin Hartshorn	Pat & Emmett	Vivian
Colin	Katharine	Patricia J	Wanda
Dale & Family	Kelly & family	Perry Family	Wayne
Dana Schewe	Ken & Family	Peter & Mike	WeaverFamily
Darnell	Ken Gavron	Phil & Terri	William McClements
Darrell	Kevin	Phyllis	WilsonFamily
Dawn & Family	Kizis family	Rashida	
Deacon Cecily	LaneFamily	Ray Cook	

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.

8/16/2021



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