

**ST THOMAS'S  
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**SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**DEC 5TH  
10:30AM**

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# ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP OFFERINGS 2021

- 11/28: Advent "stations" with prayers, instrumental music, and a hymn or two. The unique stations will help us feel a connection to our brothers and sisters in faith around the world and through time.
- 12/5: Evensong; a service of scripture, prayer, and music, sung regularly in the Anglican church since the sixteenth century.
- 12/12: Blue Christmas, also called the Longest Night, gives space for those who are feeling sorrowful this season, and their friends who support them, to come and sit with one another, light candles, and listen to music, in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.
- 12/19: "Son et lumiere" images and colors accompanied by verses and music of Advent- this should be an awesome sensory experience.

5:00PM ON SUNDAYS

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# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OFFERINGS 2021

- Sunday, 12/19 at 10:30am:  
Children's Christmas Pageant included in  
the Rite II service with music
- Friday, 12/24 at 5pm and 10pm:  
Christmas Eve services with prayers and  
carols
- Saturday, 12/25 at 10am:  
Christmas Day service
- Sunday, 12/26:  
standard 8am Rite I, and 10:30am Rite II  
with music

ALL ARE WELCOME

# 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth Confirmation, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

**People**       **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;  
but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the  
everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

**Every Valley**- John Ness Beck

Helen Spence, *soprano*

Sally Price, *alto*

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low;  
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together.

for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*All stand*

## The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*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**

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop. We pray also for the Anglican Church of Burundi, and for St Peter's Church, Smyrna. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for Joseph, our President, John, our Governor, and Jerry, our Mayor. Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to our community as light and life. We pray for all our neighbors who are working to build your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray especially for those listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those who go in harm's way for the safety and welfare of others as companion and protector. We pray especially for those serving in the armed forces listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Give them your grace and courage. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember especially those who have gone before us in this church and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints and angels, we may live and reign with you in your new creation.  
Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

**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

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Hymnal 59

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (S), Alto (A), and Bass (B). It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system also contains five verses. The lyrics are as follows:

**System 1:**

S: 2. Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

A: 1. Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2. Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3. Lo! The Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

**System 2:**

S: 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

A: 1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, o ye chil - dren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the mornin - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## Presentation of the Offerings

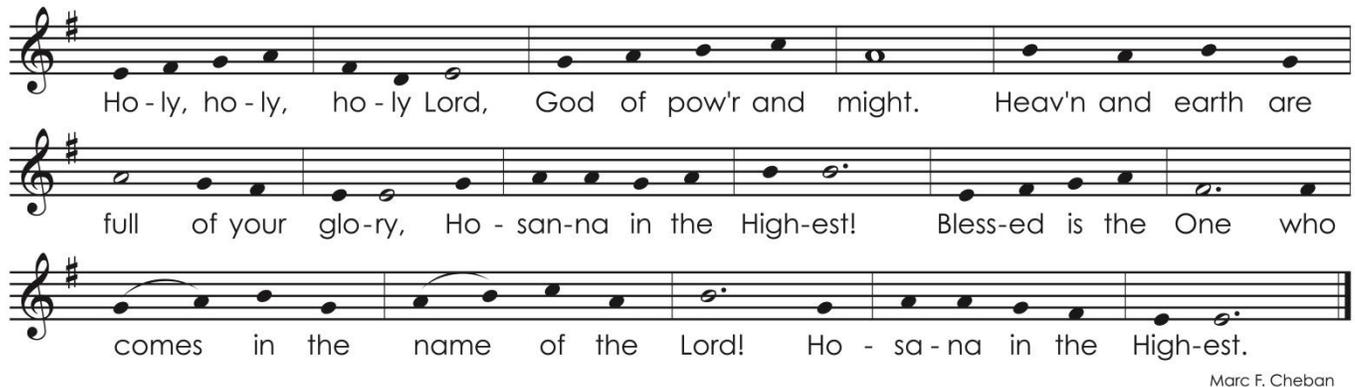
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the High-est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na in the High-est.

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 re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion,  
we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Marc F. Cheban

*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

My Flesh is Food Indeed

S-169

*Cantor or Choir first*

1. *All*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My

2. *Cantor or Choir*  
Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in

*All*  
me, and I in them. My flesh is food in -

deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. Ray W. Irwin

*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**

- silence -

## **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

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!\_\_\_
2. He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heav'n a - bove. \_\_\_
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace. \_\_\_



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. \_\_\_  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love. \_\_\_  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. \_\_\_



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy \_\_\_ a bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will \_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_ him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came \_\_\_ in God's most ho - ly Name. \_\_\_

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude





## Parish Prayer List

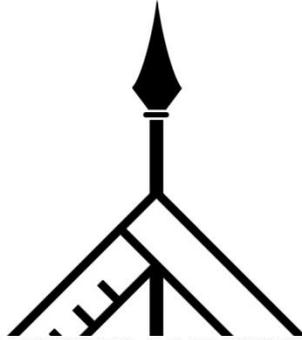
Alan L	Delores	Larry	Ray Cook
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Andre	Elmer	Lynn Dunham	Rob
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Arline	Fred & Lori	Marge Cann	Roman
Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds	Maria	Roxanna
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Beryl	Hale	Michael	Sandy Sorenson
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Dawn & Family	Lane Family	Rashida	
Deacon Cecily			

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.

11/30/2021



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