



**1ST
SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY**

**JAN 9TH
10:30 AM**

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!

Deacon Cecily



Congratulations on your retirement!
Thank you for faithfully sharing God's love,
not only with your word, but also with your life.
You have made a difference in many lives
because of His light in you.
Thank you for being such a wonderful example of
"The Way of Love".

Prelude

Procession

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

Hymnal 121

1. Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,
2. God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,
3. Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call
4. Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be-signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics.

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.

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. — Lord God, heav'n - 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 - Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. — A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *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 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino



1/12

- 1 Ascribe to >> *the Lord*, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord >> *glo-ry* and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glo->> *ry due* his Name; *
worship the Lord in the >> *beau-ty* of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God >> *of glo-ry* thunders; *
the Lord is upon >> *the might-y* waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a >> *po-wer-ful* voice; *
the voice of the Lord is >> *a voice* of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks >> *the ce-dar* trees; *
the Lord breaks the >> *ce-dars* of Lebanon; *
- 6 He makes Lebanon >> *skip like* a calf *
and Mount Hermon like >> *a young* wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the >> *Lord shakes* the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wild->> *er-ness* of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes >> *the oak* trees writhe, *
and strips >> *the for-ests* bare.
- B 9 And in the tem->> *ple of* the Lord, *
all >> *are cry-ing* "Glory!"
- 10 God sits enthroned >> *a-bove* the flood, *
the Lord sits enthroned as King >> *for e-ver*-more.
- 11 The Lord shall give >> *strength to* his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the >> *bless-ing* of peace.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

All stand

I'm Goin'-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

LEVAS #117

1. I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing. _____
2. I'm goin' - a pray when the Spir - it says pray. _____
3. I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout. _____

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing. _____
I'm goin' - a pray when the Spir - it says pray. _____
I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout. _____

I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, _____ and o -
I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says pray, _____ and o -
I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout, _____ and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord. _____
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bey the Spir - it of the Lord. _____

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

God sent Jesus, the Messiah, to live among us: let us pray in the confidence of our new life in Him.

Rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, we pray that the Church may be continually reborn. We pray especially for Iglesia Anglicana de Chili, and for Christ Church, Dover. Let us share the humility of the manger, the adoration of the shepherds, and the love of the Holy Family, in the light of him who is the Light of the world.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

Pity and pardon this world of conflict, deaf to the message of peace. Bring harmony where there is strife between nations and where people are divided by suspicion and bitterness. Heal those who have no peace within themselves.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

We pray for the families and friends with whom we celebrate this happy time. Give us true love, unselfish desires, and grateful hearts. We pray especially for the children, for their unclouded joy at this time. Create in us a pattern of human love that will lead us to the love of God who sent his Son as a little child.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

We pray for those who cannot feel the joy of Christmas, through the burden of sickness, bereavement, or other distress. We remember especially those on the parish prayer list and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Comfort with your presence all who are separated at this time from those they love. Bring the light of Christ into their lives.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

We ask a blessing on all those who serve our country, especially those who are far from their families and friends at this season. We remember especially those for whom our continuing prayers are asked and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Send your holy angels to guard and guide them and bring them home again in safety.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

Have mercy on the departed who, having shared with Christ their human birth and life, have shared with him also in the death of the body. We remember especially those who have gone before us in this church, those whose memories we carry in our hearts, and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Make their joy complete in the Kingdom where there is neither birth nor death but abundant life without end.

Lord of the manger, **be born in us.**

Through Christ who is the hope of the nations and the joy of all people, we make our prayers to God who is most wonderfully with us. **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

Blessed Assurance

LEVAS #184

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, — Born of His spir - it, wash'd in His blood.
bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
bove, — Fill'd with His good - ness, lost in His love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day

long; This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n_ and
earth_ are full_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Richard Proulx

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

Acclamation B

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

McNeil Robinson

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

Lamb of God— you take— a - way the sins of the world,— have— mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,— you take— a - way the sins of the world— have— mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God,— you take a - way the sins of the world, Grant us peace.—

Marc F. Cheban

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.

All ***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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymnal #397

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voi - ces,
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and veav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Parish Prayer List

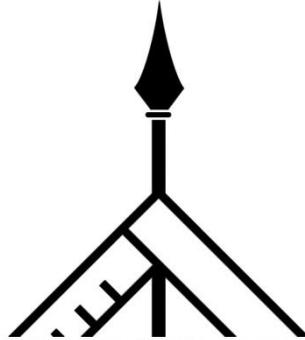
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We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
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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.

12/15/2021



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