

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**WEDNESDAYS
AT 12 NOON**

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!

Salutation

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

Introit

Collect

Gospel

Homily

*The
Prayers*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the peace from above, for the salvation of humankind: that righteousness, mercy, and truth may prevail among all peoples and nations,

Hear us, good Lord.

For the well-being of your holy Catholic church in every place: that you will confirm it in the truth of your holy Word, and grant that all Christians may live in unity, love, and mutual respect,

Hear us, good Lord.

For Bishops and other ministers, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, and those who serve you in this place: that both by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who bear authority in this and every land, and especially for the leaders of this nation: that in a holy awareness of You they may govern the peoples in wisdom, justice, and peace,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who spread the Gospel among the nations, and who minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy: that they may have strength and courage to fulfill your holy will,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who labor in commerce and industry, especially those whose work is dangerous or burdensome; for all who are engaged in the arts and sciences, and those who teach and study in schools of good learning; for all who care for children and those unable to care for themselves: that they may be worthy of their calling to serve you and their neighbors.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who farm the fields and tend the woods; for all who gather the harvest of the lands and of the waters; and for our faithful use of your creative bounty: that humankind, being delivered from famine and disaster, may acknowledge our glory in all your works,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who serve our country at home and abroad: that they may have an awareness of your presence and the protection of your holy angels,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who in this brief and changeable life are in danger, trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity: that they may have comfort and relief of all their needs,

Hear us, good Lord.

For all your people, and especially those who worship in this place: that with faith, reverence, and obedience, they may serve you with a glad mind and ready will all the days of their lives,

Hear us, good Lord.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Lord, and deliver us from all affliction, strife, and catastrophe: in your compassion forgive us all our sins and failures, known and unknown, things done and left undone: and so support us with your Spirit, that we may end our days in peace, trusting in your mercy at the day of judgment,

Hear us, good Lord.

We commend to your keeping all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear: praying that you will grant them mercy, light, and peace. May we with all your saints have a part in your everlasting kingdom: through the mercies and merits of your son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

To you be honor, glory, and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Offertory

Priest Blessed are You, O Lord God, Ruler of the universe, that we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God forever.

Priest Blessed are You, O Lord God, Ruler of the universe, that we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God forever.

The Canon

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Priest continues 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:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest 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 Priest 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, Blessed Nicholas, 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.**

Priest 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 priest breaks the bread.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

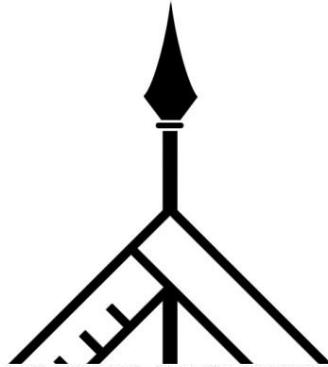
All receive Communion.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

Blessing

Dismissal



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