



**5TH SUNDAY  
AFTER  
EPIPHANY**

February 5th

**10:30 am**

**RITE II**

# God loves you. No exceptions.



**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.**

Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

## Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

## Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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## About Candlemas

Today we celebrate Candlemas, and will include a blessing of the candles, following the passing of the peace.

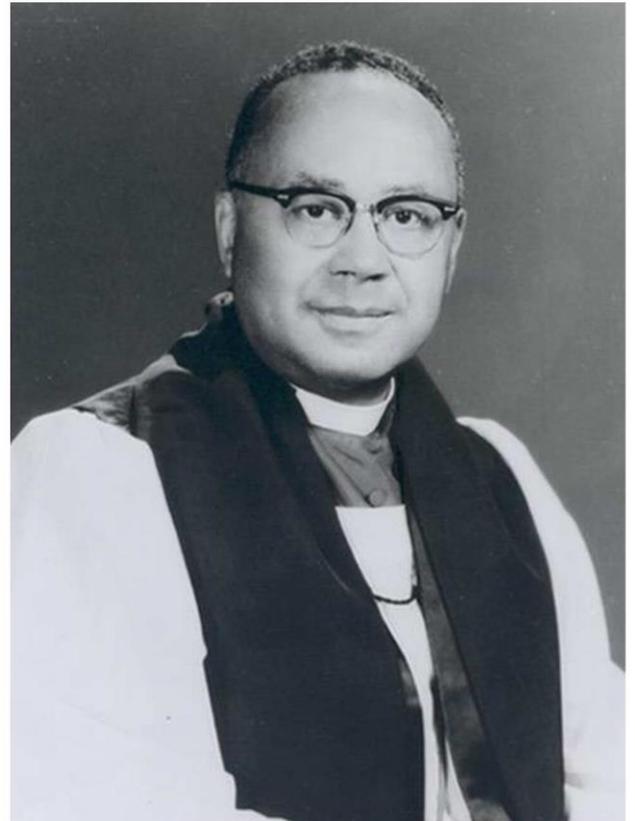
The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was probably better known to our English ancestors as Candlemas. It was the day when the faithful brought candles to the church to be blessed and set aside for use on the altar. With candle-making at home now more a hobby than a necessity, we reverse the process. We bless candles and send them out to be burnt in times of worry or sorrow or celebration. They remind us of God's presence in every moment of our lives, but also that we are to be bearers of the light of Christ in the world.



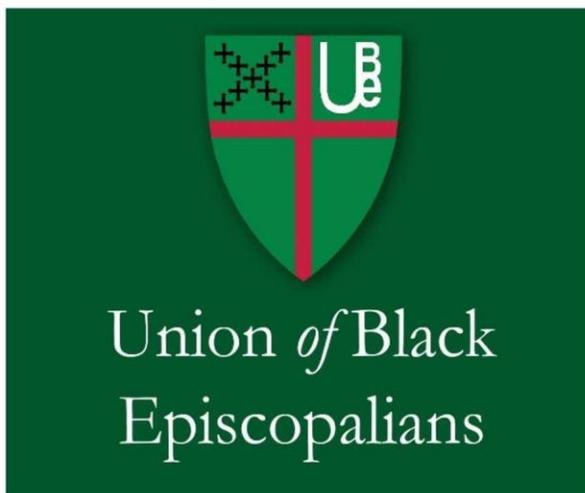
## John Melville Burgess (1909-2003)

John Burgess was the twelfth bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts from 1970 to 1975 and the first African American to lead an Episcopal diocese in the mainland US (James Theodore Holly led a diocese much earlier, but more on him another day).

The son of a dining car waiter and a kindergarten teacher, Burgess was among the first black graduates of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1934. After serving in parish, university, and diocesan ministries, he was elected Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts in 1962 and Diocesan Bishop in 1970.



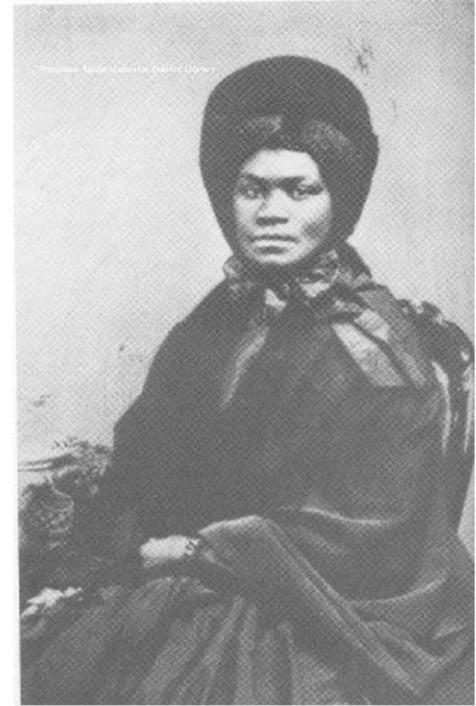
Bishop Burgess was known for his efforts to revitalize urban ministry, confront racism in public schools, support prison reform, build bridges between the black and white communities, and improve the efficiency of his diocese. He was also an important ecumenical leader in maintaining peace during the notorious Boston school desegregation crisis.



## Lisette Denison Forth (1786-1866)

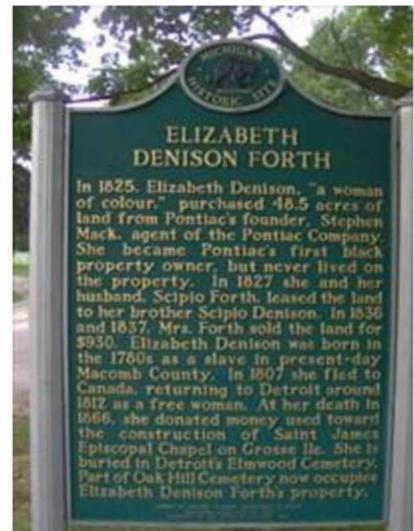
Born a slave near Detroit, Lisette Denison (later Forth) crossed into Canada in the early 1800s and returned a free woman after the Northwest Ordinance abolished slavery in Michigan.

She worked as a domestic servant for a number of wealthy families (including the Biddles of Philadelphia), investing her pay in land, and later in a steamboat business and a bank. Her investments and connections with wealthy and politically connected families led Lisette to accumulate modest wealth that was unusual for anyone at the time, much less a woman of her race and occupation. Her work for the Biddles led to a friendship with Eliza Biddle, an Episcopalian, and to the two women's vow to build a church.



When Lisette died in Grosse Ile, Michigan, in 1866, she willed a portion of her estate - \$3,000, estimated in terms of construction costs to be worth as much as \$900,000 in 2022 dollars - to build St James Episcopal Church.

The church's red doors (of course they are red!) are dedicated to her.



## Prelude

## Procession

standing

Father, We Praise thee

Hymnal 1



1. Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2. Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy man - sions; ban - ish our  
3. All ho - ly Fa - ther! Son, and e - qual Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to hea - ven,  
bless - ed, send us thy sal - va - tion; thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
where thy saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all crea - a - tion.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant*  
**People**

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

## Collect

*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.**

## Celtic Gloria

To God, be the glo-ry, all glo-ry in the  
Lord Je-sus, the on-ly be-got-ten of the  
high-est and peace to his peo-ple who dwell here be-low. Our  
Fa-ther we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The  
heav-en-ly Fa-ther, our Lord, and our Sov-reign, to you, the Al-  
sin of the world you have tak-en up-on you, have mer-cy up-  
might-y, our prais-es be-stow. We wor-ship and a-dore you we  
on us, the Great I Am. For ho-ly, you meet us, yet  
bow be-fore you with grate-ful thanks-giv-ing, our song let us  
low-ly you greet us, the Lord in the high-est, the Ho-ly  
raise. All glo-ry and hon-our and glad a-do-ra-tion to  
One. All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Spi-rit, from  
God in the high-est ho-san-na and praise.  
a-ges ev-er last-ing, the Three-in One.

Music: *Leaving of Lismore*  
adapt./arr. George Bayley  
Text: Mark Schweizer

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 58:1-12

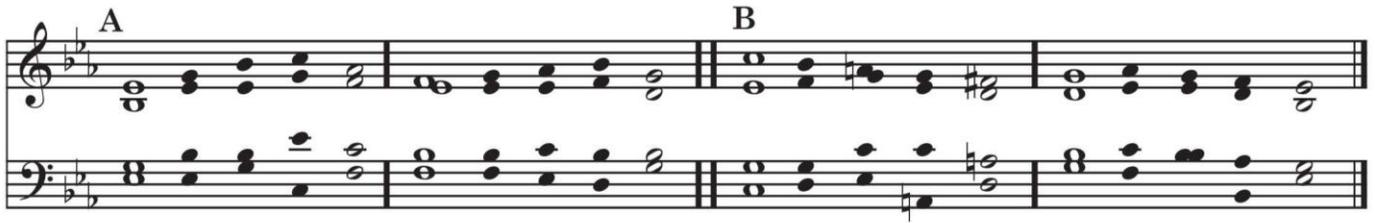
Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they >> **who fear** the Lord \*  
and have great delight >> **in his** com-mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be might->> **y in** the land; \*  
the generation of the up->> **right will** be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will >> **be in** their house, \*  
and their righteousness >> **will last** for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the dark->> **ness for** the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and >> **full of** com-**passion**.
- 5 It is good for them to be gen->> **er-ous** in lending \*  
and to manage their >> **af-fairs** with justice.
- 6 For they >> **will never** be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in ever->> **last-ing** re-membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of an->> **y e-vil** rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their >> **trust in** the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established >> **and will not** shrink, \*  
until they see their desire >> **u-pon** their enemies.
- 9 They have given free->> **ly to** the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up >> **their head** with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth >> **and pine** a-way; \*  
the desires of the >> **wick-ed** will perish.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Clérigo* El Señor sea con ustedes.

***Pueblo*** **Y con tu espíritu.**

*Clérigo* Santo Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo según San Mateo

***Pueblo*** **¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!**

Jesús dijo: "Ustedes son la sal de este mundo. Pero si la sal deja de estar salada, ¿cómo podrá recobrar su sabor? Ya no sirve para nada, así que se la tira a la calle y la gente la pisotea.

"Ustedes son la luz de este mundo. Una ciudad en lo alto de un cerro no puede esconderse. Ni se enciende una lámpara para ponerla bajo un cajón; antes bien, se la pone en alto para que alumbre a todos los que están en la casa. Del mismo modo, procuren ustedes que su luz brille delante de la gente, para que, viendo el bien que ustedes hacen, todos alaben a su Padre que está en el cielo.

"No crean ustedes que yo he venido a suprimir la ley o los profetas; no he venido a ponerles fin, sino a darles su pleno valor. Pues les aseguro que mientras existan el cielo y la tierra, no se le quitará a la ley ni un punto ni una letra, hasta que todo llegue a su cumplimiento. Por eso, el que no obedece uno de los mandatos de la ley, aunque sea el más pequeño, ni enseña a la gente a obedecerlo, será considerado el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos. Pero el que los obedece y enseña a otros a hacer lo mismo, será considerado grande en el reino de los cielos.

"Porque les digo a ustedes que, si no superan a los maestros de la ley y a los fariseos en hacer lo que es justo ante Dios, nunca entrarán en el reino de los cielos."

*Clérigo* El Evangelio del Señor.

***Pueblo*** **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

**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.**

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, those who have no one to pray for them, 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 for St. Anne's Church, Middletown, and for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. 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 whose memorials are in this church and 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 AND ABSOLUTION

*standing or kneeling*

*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

*standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**       **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Our help is in the name of the Lord;  
**People**            **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you;  
**People**            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O Gracious Father, almighty and eternal God, you created all things out of nothing, and by your command caused the labor of bees to be revealed in the perfection of wax. You commanded your servant Moses to keep lamps continually burning before you. Bless ✠ and sanctify these candles that their light may be for us a visible reminder of the true light who enlightens everyone coming into the world. As these candles, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the darkness of night, so also may our hearts be enlightened by the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit that we might avoid the darkness of sin, see your salvation, and attain to the Light that never fades away. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY

*Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or--if you give through the "Giving to St. Thomas's" link on the parish website--you may place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.*

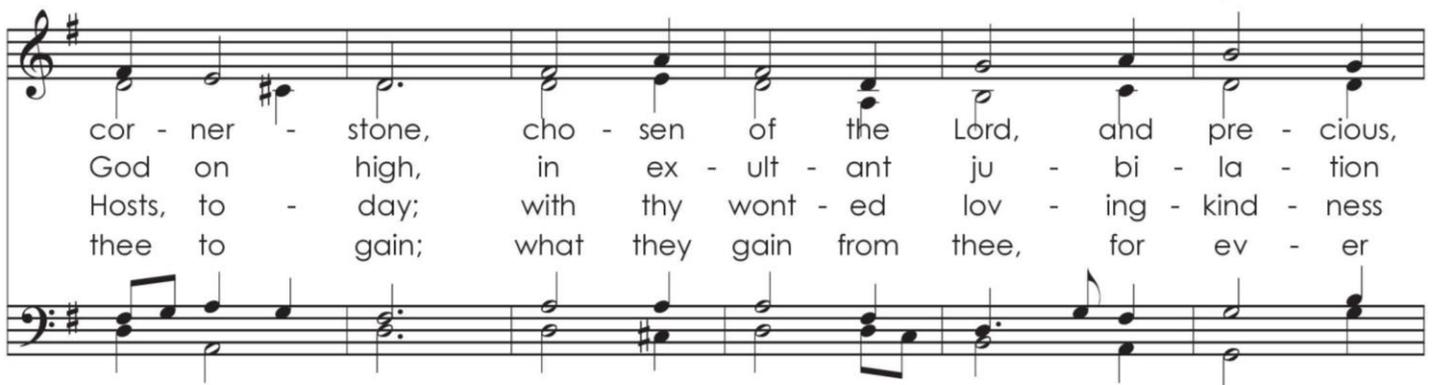
# Offertory Hymn

## Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal 518



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head\_ and  
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved\_ of  
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord\_ of  
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask\_ of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all\_ the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy ser - vants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

# 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

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system is for the Cantor, and the following six systems are for the All. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of you glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est."

*standing or kneeling*

*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

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. Chebn

*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

*First Cantor, then All* S-172

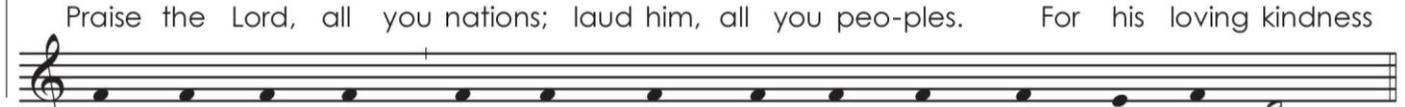


Bless-ed are\_\_\_ those who are call - ed to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

*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.

**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.***

*All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from the cup or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.*

## THE COMMUNION

- silence -

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*standing*

*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.**

## **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries Announcements**

*seated*

*Please visit the "Worship Opportunities" and "Parish Events" page in the back of this booklet. Then, look on the following page for "Birthdays and Anniversaries" and wish your faith family blessings!*

## **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.**

Lord of All Being

Hymnal 419

1. Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry  
 2. Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our  
 3. Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is  
 4. Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling

flames from sun \_\_\_\_\_ and star; cen - ter and soul of  
 path the glow \_\_\_\_\_ of day; star of our hope, thy  
 truth, whose warmth \_\_\_\_\_ is love, be - fore thy ev - er -  
 hearts that burn \_\_\_\_\_ for thee, till all thy liv - ing

ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart \_\_\_\_\_ how near!  
 soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of \_\_\_\_\_ the night.  
 blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of \_\_\_\_\_ our own.  
 al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven ly flame.

**Dismissal**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



**Worship Opportunities:**

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

**Growth and Fellowship:**

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
- Sundays at 10:15 am - Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Gospel in Spanish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Tuesdays at 10:00 am - 2 Saints Readers via Zoom
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter's Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at [StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com](mailto:StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com).

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:  
[www.StThomasNewarkDE.church](http://www.StThomasNewarkDE.church)

### **February Birthdays**

Sheila Sharpe	February 4
Jeanne Moore	February 6
Wayne Weaver	February 6
Karen Rockhold	February 9
Jessica Tompkins	February 15
Larry Duggan	February 18
Jane Fox-Babcock	February 22
Michael McGough	February 23
Belinda Young-Payne	February 25
Stephanie Belinski	February 26
Carol Browning	February 26
Rosie Hartman	February 27
Sue James	February 28

### **February Anniversaries**

Rob and Sharon South	February 26
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## Parish Prayer List

Archer family	Christine D	Larry
Austin M & Krissy V	Connie L	Liz R
Barry G	D Green	Lynn D
Ben A and family	Daphne D	Marge C
Bernice R	Denise B	Maria P
Blackman family	Dennis R	Marian S & Family
Bob M	Devon MD	Marianne A
Bob P	Diane B	Morgen and family
Bob S	Eley family	Nelson M
Bob T	Elmer T	Noah P
Brendan S	Flora R	Pam D
Bright on P	Fred & Lori	Pat & Emmett J
Bryan A	Geoff C	Rick R
Carew family	Giorgio & Family	Ricky G
Carol G	Hank H	South Family
Carol M	Harrison family	Stover B
Carolyn V	Jean & Richard P	Sue N
Cecily SH	Jeanne M	Susan & family
Charles B	Jim T	Tom P
Charlie M & Ellen S	Joan B	Vicki G
Chaun	John D	Winthrop
Chris E	June G	Witman Family
Christine & Erich	Kathryn D	
Christine A & Francis M	Lane Family	

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

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

*To update or add to our parish prayer list,  
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.  
Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like  
to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*

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Clerk of the Vestry: Mike Grabowski

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Jill Englund Jensen  
Madeline Johnson  
Kristin Sausville

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Larry Duggan  
Cami Seward  
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#### Class of 2025

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Mike Grabowski

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