



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 worshiping 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 clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

Prelude



Celebrant E

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever

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.**

Ame

The Gloria



Collect

Celebrant God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS seated

First Lesson Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

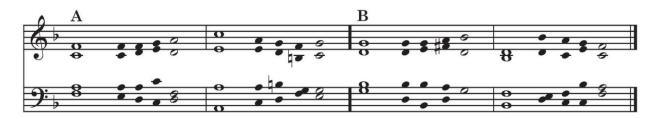
Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Inclina, Domine



- 11 Teach me your way, O God, and I will >> walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I >> may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, my God, >> with **all** my heart, * and glorify your Name >> for **ev**-er-more.
- 13 For great is >> your **love** toward me; * you have delivered me from the >> ne-**ther**-most Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of the vio->> lent seeks my life; * they have not set you >> be-fore their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and >> full **of** com-passion, * slow to anger, and full of >> kind-**ness** and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have >> mer-cy up-on me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the >> child of your handmaid.
- B 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it >> and be a-shamed; * because you, O Lord, have >> helped me and comforted me.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual anthem Family Choir

Deacon God be with you. **People** And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

THE NICENE CREED standing

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

In peace, let us offer our prayers to God.

We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God, that all who know Christ may praise his name and serve the world by his grace.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For the leaders of all the Churches, and especially the leaders of our own Church: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that the shepherds of Christ's flock may lead us with wisdom and gentleness. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the leaders of the nations, especially Joseph, our President, and John, our Governor, that they might use the powers entrusted to them to build and not destroy, gather and not scatter.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For the lonely, the lost, and the hopeless in our community, that they may find comfort and that we may see in them the image of Christ.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For those in our community and throughout our region who struggle with addiction, that our concern for them may grow into Spirit-filled action.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For all who serve our country at home and abroad, and all who go in harm's way for the sake of others, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have courage and an awareness of God's abiding steadfast presence.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For the sick, those who travel, those in any trouble, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may draw strength from our prayers and actions.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For our partners in mission, for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and for St David's Church, Wilmington.

Lord of life, let your will be done.

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have peace, and that we may worship with them in the communion of saints. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend, show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

ΑII God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done.

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the arace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE standing

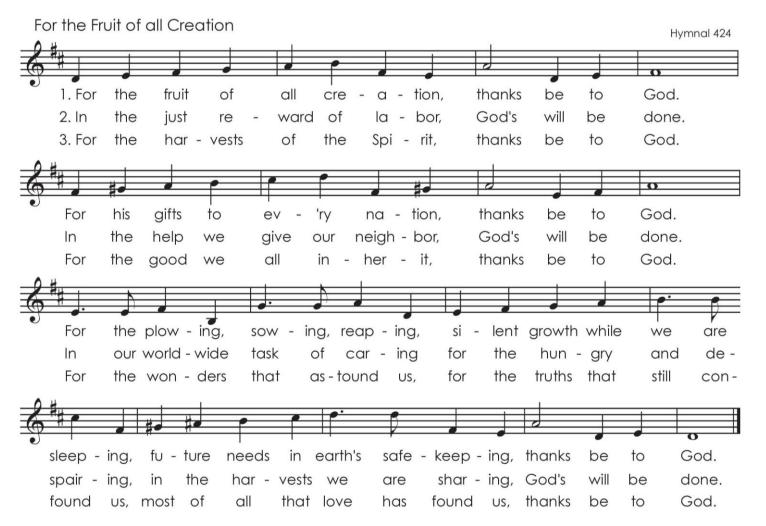
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you. People

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—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and 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



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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Celebrant continues Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

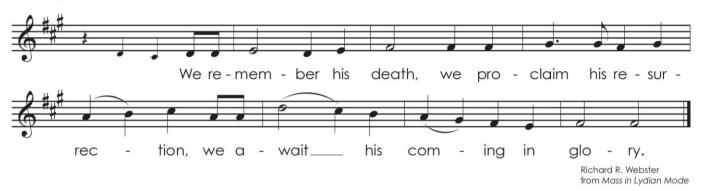
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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



The Celebrant continues Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

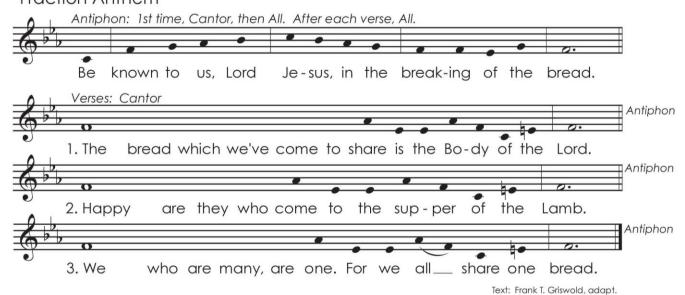
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem



Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music: Richard E. Averre, adapt.

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 it 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

- silent prayer -

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing of the Eucharistic Visitors

Day by day, we send out Eucharistic visitors to take the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in church. This good work may take place on Sunday afternoon, but it may also be on Tuesday evening or Friday morning. To keep it in our hearts, on the fourth Sunday of the month, we pray for this holy work and those who serve in it.

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send out Eucharistic ministers bearing the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. We pray that those who bear it and those who receive it will know the presence of Christ and the love and concern that we send with it. May God bless this ministry and all who are touched by it. **Amen.**

St. Thomas has a Pastoral Care Committee to take care of our church family. Here are some of the things we can do:

- Give rides to PT, chemo or Dr. appointments
- Make meals for people who are just home from the hospital or need some temporary help
- Provide respite for a caretaker who just needs a little break
- Visit with those who may be lonely

SO, if you or your loved one are going to the hospital, call the office

- otherwise, we won't know. HIPA laws prevent hospitals from telling us you are there.

Call the office if you think you could use anything we might be able to provide

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs"

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

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

July Birthdays

July 1
July 3
July 3
July 4
July 5
July 5
July 5
July 7
July 7
July 8
July 8
July 8
July 9
July 12
July 14
July 17
July 23
July 24
July 26
July 30

July Anniversaries

Mike and Sue Houghton	July 7
John and Candi Giel	July 12
David and Belinda Payne	July 31

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
 - o Will resume in September
- Sundays at 10:15 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
 - o Will resume in September
- 2nd Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
 - Will resume in September
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month-Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

Other Parish Events:

- 9/9 St Thomas's Health Fair
- 9/17 Newark Community Day, we will have a booth

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: www.stThomasNewarkDE.church

Parish Calendar

Monday, 7/24

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday, 7/25

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Network Delaware, 6:30-8pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

Wednesday, 7/26

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 5:45-8:15pm

Thursday, 7/27

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

Friday, 7/28

- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday, 7/29

No current reservations

Sunday, 7/30

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (Gr) Grove
- (K) Kitchen
- (M) Music Room
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary
- (U) Undercroft
- (Z) Zoom

Parish Prayer List

Archer family Austin M & Krissy V

Barry G Bernice R Betty H

Blackman family Bob M

Bob P Bob S Bob T Brendan S Brighton P

Carew family Carol G

Carol M Carolyn V Cecily SH Charles B

Charlie M & Ellen S Chaun Chris E

Christine & Erich Christine A & Francis M

Christine D

Chris G

Chuck & Paula R Connie L

Court W D Green Daphne D Denise B Dennis R

Devon MD Eley family Elmer T

Erin & family Flora R Frank W Fred & Lori Geoff C George H

Giorgio & family Harrison family

Jean & Richard P

Jeanne M Jim T John D Jonny K Judy B June G Karen R Kathryn D Keith W

Kelly K Lanefamily Larry

Liz R Loretta M Lorraine CS Lynn D

Marge C Maria P

Marian S & family Marianne A Mary T Mary Ellen H Michael C

Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Nicholas M Pam D

Pat & Emmett J

Paula B

Richardson family

Rick R Ricky G Shannan D Sharon O Sondra B Sophie A South family Stephen M Stover B

Susan & family

Tom H Tom P Vicki G

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 Stacy Ben James Kevin Stuart Bob Luke Tina Jeremy Bradley Joe Marvin Tyler Brett Matthew Victoria Josh 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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