



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.

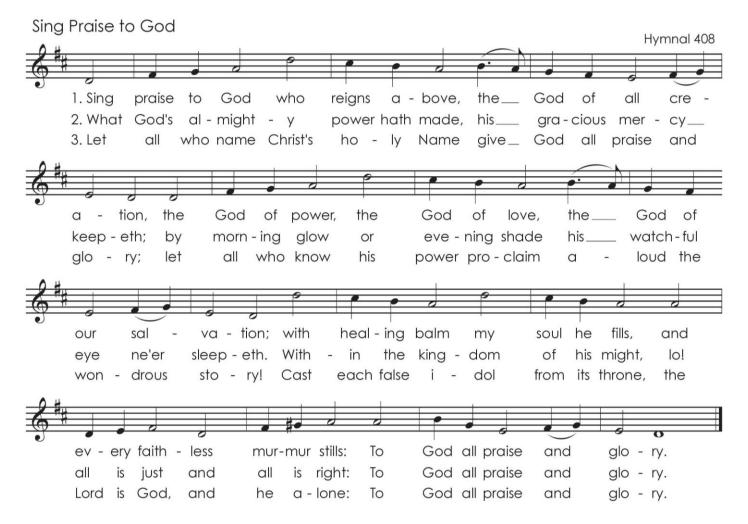
We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like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

**Procession** standing



#### THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant 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.

#### The Gloria



#### Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

THE LESSONS seated

First Lesson Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him-and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Cantate Domino



- 1 Sing to the >> Lord **a** new song; \* sing to the Lord >> all **the** whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord >> and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation >> from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory >> a-mong the nations, \* and his wonders >> a-mong all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and great->> ly to be praised, \* he is more to be >> feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, >> they **are** but idols. \* but it is the Lord >> who **made** the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnifi->> cence **of** his presence! \* Oh, the power and the splen->> dor **of** his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you fami->> lies **of** the peoples, \* ascribe to the Lord >> hon-**or** and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the hon->> or **due** his Name; \* bring offerings and come >> in-**to** his courts.
- **B** 9 Worship the Lord in the >> beau-ty of holiness; \* let the whole earth >> trem-ble be-fore him.

### **Epistle Lesson**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 Anglican Church of Korea, and for St Barnabas' 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

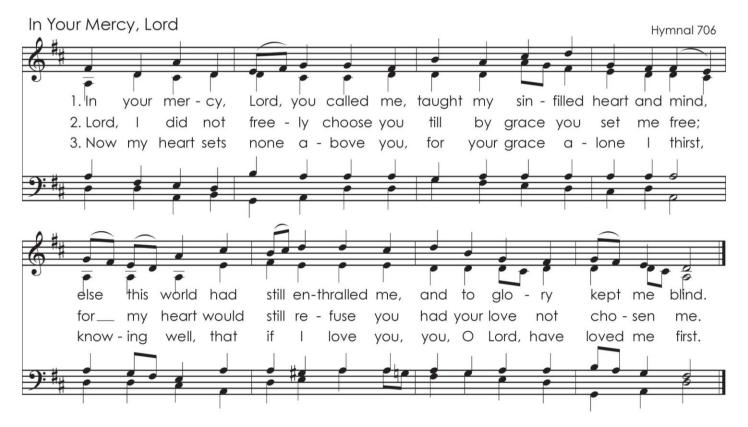
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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.

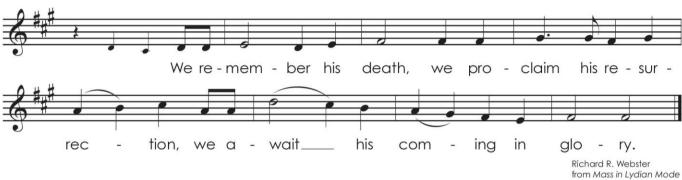
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, 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,

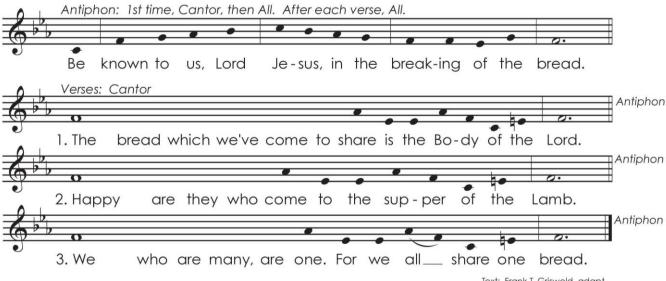
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem



Text: Frank T. Griswold, adapt. Music: Richard E. Averre, adapt.

### Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

- silent prayer -

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

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.

# Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries Announcements

Amen.

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!

# A prayer for Annual Giving

Gracious God, we thank you for creating and recreating us to do your good works in the world. Pour into our hearts the spirit of your abundance. Remind us that what we have is only and always for your glory, and that what we give for the work of your church is our testimony to the blessings we have already received. Guide us as we make the choices that will help build your kingdom now and in the future. And sustain us always with the promise of the gift beyond price, your presence among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### 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**

**Please take this service booklet home with you**, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

#### **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:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am-adult education in the great hall classroom
  - o Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</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
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

#### **Upcoming Parish Events:**

- 11/4 All Souls special service
- 11/17-19 Annual Bazaar

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: <a href="https://www.stthomasNewarkDE.church">www.stthomasNewarkDE.church</a>

# **Parish Calendar**

# Monday, 10/23

- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

# **Tuesday**, 10/24

- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-8:30pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6:30-7:30
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

# Wednesday, 10/25

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm

# Thursday, 10/26

• (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

# **Friday**, 10/27

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

### **Saturday**, 10/28

No current reservations

# **Sunday**, 10/29

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- (C, Z) Adult Ed, 9:15-10:15am
- (U) Children and Youth Sunday School, 10am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- Trunk or Treat, 11:45am-1pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (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 Christine A & Francis John D Michael C Austin M & Krissy V Christine D Mike G Jonny K Morgen and family Barry G Chuck & Paula R Judy B Bernice R Connie L June G Mullens family Betty H Court W Karen R Nancy G Blackman family Nicholas M D Green Kathryn D Bob M Daphne D Kelly K Pam D Bob P Krista B Denise B Pat & Emmett J Bob S Dennis R Lane family Paula B Bob T Devon MD Larry Richardson family Brendan S Elaine W Liz R Rick R Brighton P Eley family Ricky G Loretta M Carew family Elmer T Shannan D Lorraine CS Carol G Erin & family Shannon Lynn D Carol M Flora R Mara, Mike, Sharon O Carolyn V Frank W & Martha K Sondra B Cecily SH Fred & Lori Marge C Sophie A Charles B Geoff C Maria P South family Charlie H Stephen M George H Marian S & family Charlie M & Ellen S Giorgio & family Marianne A Stover B Chaun Harrison family Marilyn B Susan & family Chris C Janice F Mary T Terri B Jean & Richard P Chris E Mary Ellen H Tom H Chris G Jeanne M Maryanne & Bob Tom P Christine & Erich Jim T Matt S 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 Kagen Nate Kate Annie R Christie J **Nicholas** Ben Duncan P Kathy Stacy Bob James Kevin Stuart Tina Bradlev Luke Jeremy Brett Tyler Joe Marvin Victoria Brian Josh Matthew

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.

# October Birthdays

Madison Ballard Michael Grabowski Teresa Doggett Sharon South Susan Fletcher Shawna Corsello Kate Donnelly Kelly Vickers Katie Price Elenore Twardus Chrissy Ballard	October 2 October 3 October 4 October 5 October 7 October 9 October 12 October 10 October 14 October 16 October 17
Joshua Payne	October 26
Richard Fincher Judith Fincher Marjorie Cann Bob Gilley Matthew Handling Joshua Grieten	October 26 October 28 October 28 October 29 October 30

# **October Anniversaries**

Edward and Krista Murray	October 2
Michael and Sarah Picollelli	October 10
Joseph and Lisa Swain	October 10
Duncan and Velda Pike	October 12
David and Susan Fletcher	October 19
George and Jo-Ann Grier	October 23
Rick and Donna Rotandi	October 26
Wayne and Donna Weaver	October 27
Dennis and Jinglan Redder	October 31





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