



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!



#### THE WORD OF GOD

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

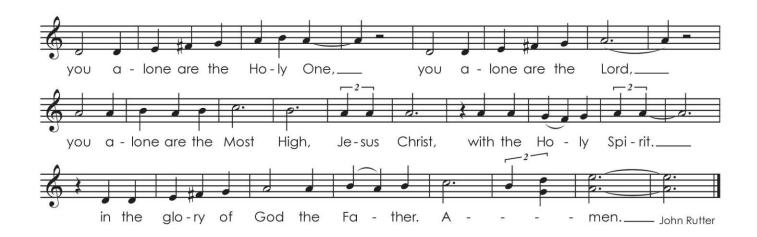
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

#### Gloria





#### Collect

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Leviticus 19:1-2.15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 1

## Beatus vir qui non abiit



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the coun->> sel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the >> seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the >> law of the Lord, \* and they meditate on his >> law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves >> that **do** not wither; \* everything >> they **do** shall prosper.
- 4 It is not >> so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the >> wind blows a-way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright >> when judg-ment comes \* nor the sinner in the coun->> cil of the righteous;
- 6 For the Lord knows the >> way **of** the righteous, \* but the way of the >> wick-**ed** is doomed.

# **Epistle Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem family choir

Sweet, Sweet Spirit - Family Choir

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face,

and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heaven-ly Dove, Stay right here with us, fil-ling us with your love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive till you know Him in His full-ness, and believe. You're the one to pro-fit when you say,

"I am going to walk with Je-sus all the way." Refrain

3. If you say He saved you from your sin, now you're weak, you're bound, and can-not enter in, you can make it right if you will yield; you'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel. *Refrain* 

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 be to thee, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 and the Son.

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.

With faith and confidence, let us pray to the Lord.

I ask your prayers for faithful people around the world. May their work for the Kingdom of God yield abundantly.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the bishops and others who lead Christian communities around the world, especially the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop, and our Bishop. May they nourish us with the riches of the Gospel.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, especially our President, our Governor, and our Mayor. May they lead us with courage and humility.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the armed forces, all who go in harm's way to protect others, and all who carry the scars of their service. We remember especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors. May they experience in us the love of God and may we see in them the image of Christ.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask for your prayers for all our partners in mission, especially for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, and for Episcopal Relief and Development.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for a fruitful end of the agricultural season. May we have all that we need and may we be good stewards of all that we have been given.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they be strengthened and restored, and may we be ready always to heal even as we are healed.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

guide us in this world, sustain us in the world to come, and accept these prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

#### **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.

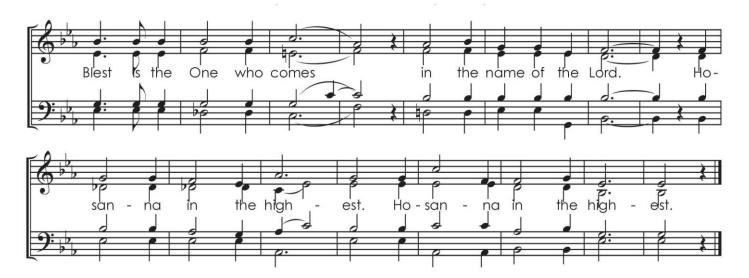
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

The people stand or kneel.





The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

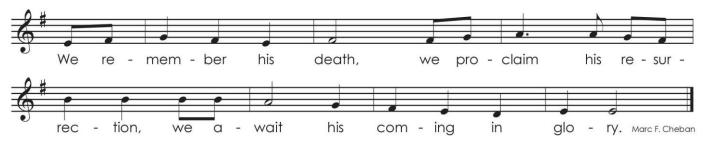
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

# Celebrant and People



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.

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



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 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

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

## 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

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.

### Processing into the community





#### 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
- 3rd 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
- 3rd 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, 10-11am
- 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: www.StThomasNewarkDE.church

# **Parish Calendar**

## Monday, 10/30

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

# Tuesday, 10/31

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

## Wednesday, 11/1

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

# Thursday, 11/2

- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-9pm

# **Friday**, 11/3

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

## Saturday, 11/4

 All Souls' Day service at the St Thomas Cemetery (W Delaware Ave), 10-11am

# **Sunday**, 11/5

- Daylight Saving Time Ends, turn your clocks back 1 hour
- 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
- (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 Jonny K Mike G Barry G Chuck & Paula R Judy B Morgen and family Bernice R Mullens family Connie L June G Betty H Court W Karen R Nancy G Blackman family Kathryn D Nicholas M D Green Bob M Daphne D Kelly K Pam D Bob P Pat & Emmett J Denise B Krista B Bob S Dennis R Lane family Paula B Bob T Devon MD Richardson family Larry Brendan S Elaine W Liz R Rick R Eley family Brighton P Loretta M Ricky G Carew family Elmer T Lorraine CS Shannan D Carol G Erin & family Lynn D Shannon Carol M Flora R Mara, Mike, Sharon O Carolyn V Frank W & Martha K Sondra B Cecily SH Fred & Lori Sophie A Marge C Charles B Maria P Geoff C 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 Chris E Jean & Richard P Mary Ellen H Tom H Chris G Jeanne M Maryanne & Bob Tom P Christine & Erich Vicki G Jim T Matt S

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

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

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	October 2
Michael Grabowski	October 3
Teresa Doggett	October 4
Sharon South	October 5
Susan Fletcher	October 7
Shawna Corsello	October 9
Kate Donnelly	October 12
Kelly Vickers	October 10
Katie Price	October 14
Elenore Twardus	October 16
Chrissy Ballard	October 17
Joseph Tompkins	October 21
Joshua Payne	October 26
Richard Fincher	October 26
Judith Fincher	October 26
Marjorie Cann	October 28
Bob Gilley	October 28
Matthew Handling	October 29
Joshua Grieten	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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