

December 10th, 2023

**2ND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

**10:30am**

**RITE II WITH MUSIC**





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

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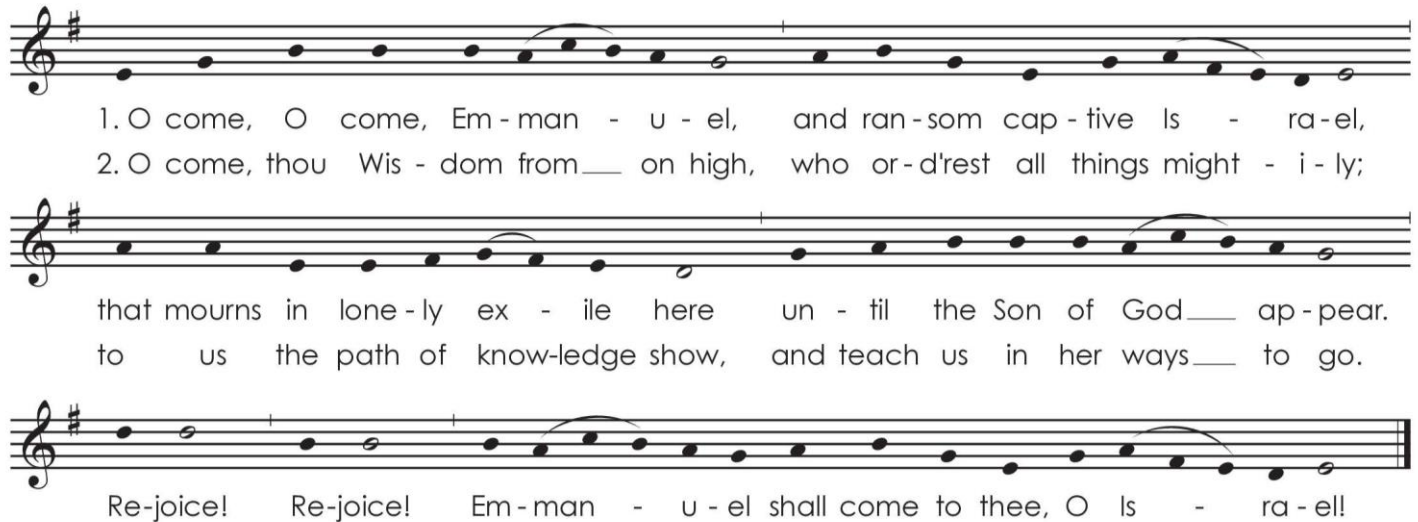


# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from \_\_\_ on high, who or - d'rest all things might - i - ly;  
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God \_\_\_ ap - pear.  
 to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways \_\_\_ to go.  
 Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## 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* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People** **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

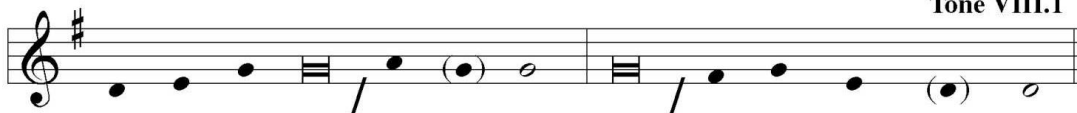
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

**Tone VIII.1**



- 1 You have been gracious to your / land, O LORD,\*  
 you have restored the good for/tune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people\*  
 and blotted / out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is / saying,\*  
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
 and to those who / turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,\*  
 that his glory may / dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to/gether;\*  
 righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth,\*  
 and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant pros/perity,\*  
 and our land will / yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him,\*  
 and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual music

*He Shall Feed His Flock (Messiah)*

G.F. Handel  
Helen Spence, *Soprano*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,  
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden,  
And He will give you rest.

Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
For He is meek and lowly of heart,  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.



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

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I present Carter Cash Jacobs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. I present Alexandria Rae Lombardo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Parents &amp; Godparents</i>	I do.

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?</p> <p><b>We will.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>	<p>Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Do you believe in God the Father?</p> <p><b>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?</p> <p><b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,</b>  <b>He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit</b>  <b>and born of the Virgin Mary.</b>  <b>He suffered under Pontius Pilate,</b>  <b>was crucified, died, and was buried.</b>  <b>He descended to the dead.</b>  <b>On the third day he rose again.</b>  <b>He ascended into heaven,</b>  <b>and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</b>  <b>He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?</p> <p><b>I believe in the Holy Spirit,</b>  <b>the holy catholic Church,</b>  <b>the communion of saints,</b>  <b>the forgiveness of sins,</b>  <b>the resurrection of the body,</b>  <b>and the life everlasting.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?</p> <p><b>I will, with God's help.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?</p> <p><b>I will, with God's help.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?</p> <p><b>I will, with God's help.</b></p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p><b>People</b></p>	<p>Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?</p> <p><b>I will, with God's help.</b></p>

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the



Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Celebrant* Carter/Alexandria, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Carter/Alexandria, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**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 through 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

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!\_\_\_
2. He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heav'n a - bove.\_\_\_
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.\_\_\_



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.\_\_\_\_  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.\_\_\_\_  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.\_\_\_\_



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy\_\_\_ a bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will\_\_\_ a - dore\_\_\_ him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came\_\_\_ in God's most ho - ly Name.\_\_\_\_

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

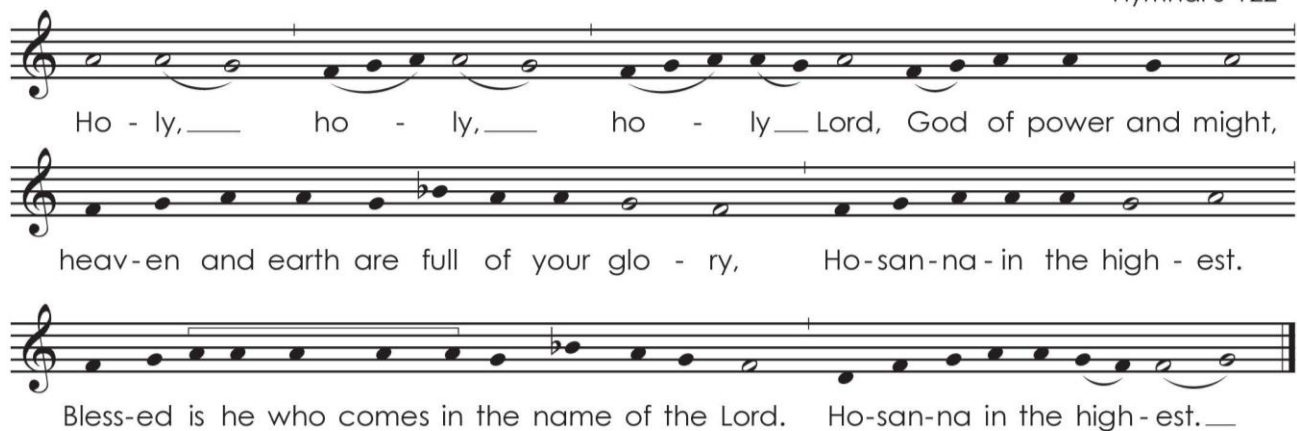
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.*

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-122



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly — Lord, God of power and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your 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. —

Plainsong, adpt. M. Martens (b.1933)

*The Celebrant continues* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

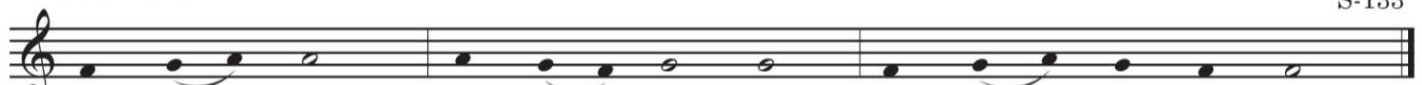
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Acclamation A S-133



Christ has \_\_\_ died, Christ is \_\_\_ ris - en, Christ will \_\_\_ come a - gain.

Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens

*The Celebrant continues* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

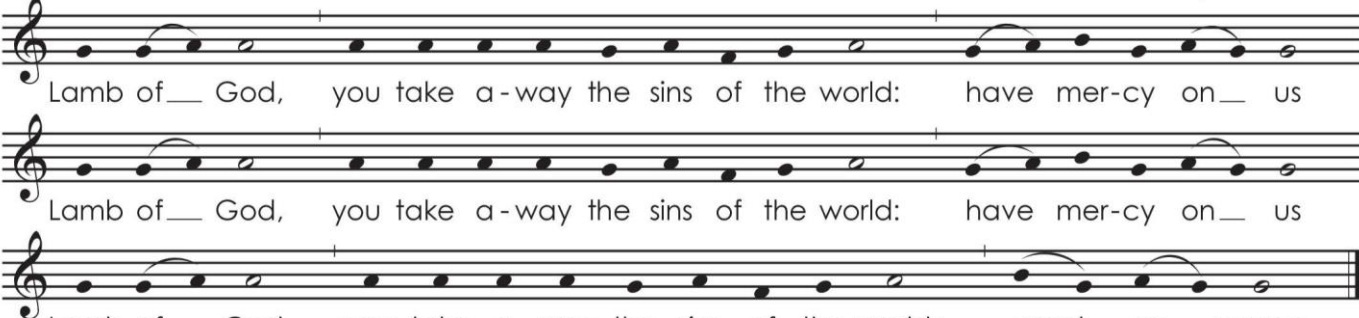
**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver 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.**

Lamb of God Hymnal S-160



Lamb of\_\_ God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on\_\_ us

Lamb of\_\_ God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on\_\_ us

Lamb of\_\_ God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us\_\_ peace.

Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens

**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.

***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.**

## **Announcements**

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

## **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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

1. Come, thou long ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glor - rious throne.

## 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
  - 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:**

- TODAY, noon-1pm- Incarceration Reform presentation, lunch provided
- 12/13, noon-2pm- St John's Bible presentation and training, lunch provided
- 12/21, 6-8pm- ALL are Welcome to learn about and celebrate St Thomas' ties to Indian culture
- 12/17, beginning at noon
  - LIVE animal nativity
  - Full faith family cookie exchange
  - 1-2pm Children and Youth Christmas Party

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

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, 12/11

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

### Tuesday, 12/12

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

### Wednesday, 12/13

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- [Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm](#)
- (G) St John's Bible presentation, 1pm, light lunch included

### Thursday, 12/14

- (U) private meeting, 6-9pm
- [\(Z\) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm](#)
- (G) Bluegrass Jam, 7:30pm

### Friday, 12/15

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

### Saturday, 12/16

- *No current reservations*

### Sunday, 12/17

- [Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am](#)
- [Sunday School, 10:15am](#)
- [Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am](#)
- **(G) Live Animal Nativity**, whole parish cookie exchange, children's Christmas party
- (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	Chuck & Paula R	Jim T	Mike G
Austin M & Krissy V	Claire L	John D	Morgen and family
Barry G	Connie L	Jonny K	Mullens family
Bernice R	Court W	Judy B	Nancy G
Betty H	D Green	Julie	Pam D
Blackman family	Dana	June G	Pat & Emmett J
Bob M	Daphne D	Karen R	Paula B
Bob P	Darren M	Kathryn D	Richardson family
Bob S	Denise B	Kay	Rick R
Bob T	Dennis R	Kelly K	Ricky G
Brendan S	Devon MD	Krista B	Sabhi
Brighton P	Elaine W	Lane family	Shannan D
Carew family	Eley family	Larry	Shannon
Carol G	Elmer T	Liz R	Sharon O
Carol M	Erin & family	Lorraine CS	Sondra B
Carolyn V	Flora R	Mara, Mike, & Martha K	Sophie A
Cecily SH	Frank W	Marge C	South family
Charles B	Fred & Lori	Margy H	Stephen M
Charlie H	Freddie B	Maria P	Stover B
Charlie M & Ellen S	Geoff C	Marian S & family	Susan & family
Chaun	George H	Marianne A	Terri B
Chris C	Gina H	Mary T	Thomas M
Chris E	Giorgio & family	Mary Ellen H	Tom H
Chris G	Harrison family	Maryanne & Bob	Tom P
Christine & Erich	Janice F	Matt S	Vicki G
Christine A & Francis	Jean & Richard P	Michael C	Walelgne
Christine D	Jeanne M		

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

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

*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.*

### **December Birthdays**

James Law	December 2
Christine Wilbur	December 2
Hanna Grabowski	December 3
Christopher Donnelly	December 11
Edwin Smith	December 14
Keith Flemming	December 15
Robert Tartala	December 16
Eleanor Williams	December 16
Natalie Flemming	December 17
Lucas Quinones	December 17
Tracy Branigan	December 18
Eloise Barrow	December 20
Jennifer Rockhold	December 21
Scott Ennis	December 22
Lucas McGough	December 24
James Wilkins	December 24
Steve McGough	December 27
Amy Wilbur	December 29
Stan Spence	December 31

### **December Anniversaries**

Rob & Cami Seward	December 3
Bob & Vicki Gilley	December 28
Stan & Helen Spence	December 28



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Treasurer: Amy Keach

People's Warden: Philippa Sunnergren  
Clerk of the Vestry: Sally Price

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Cami Seward  
Philippa Sunnergren

### Class of 2025

Joan Bennett  
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Marilyn Prime

### Class of 2026

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