

December 17th, 2023

**3RD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
AND HOLY EUCHARIST**

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 clergy person 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



3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height

4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny



in an - cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe.

that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Celebrant Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**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 Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.
Amen.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Text: St. Ambrose, tr. J.M. Neale

Music: arr. M. Schweizer

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth;
Let every age adoring fall,
Such birth befits the God of all.
Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised Fruit to man displayed.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.
All praise eternal Son, to Thee;
Whose Advent sets thy people free,
With whom the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for ever more.

The Second Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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 - ious throne.

The Third Lesson

Baruch 4:36-5:9

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting, for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven, for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Text: 6th C., trans. E. Caswall
Music: R. Shephard

Hark! A herald voice is calling:
 "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,
 Let her earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
 Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
 Comes with pardon down from heav'n;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow,
 One and all to be forgiv'n.

So when next he comes in glory,
 Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender
 On the clouds of heav'n appear.
And with words of love draw near.

The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Prepare Your Hearts

Text: 1 Samuel
Music: J. Handl (1550-1591)
Ed. R.H. Clark

Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only,
And he will deliver you out of the hand of your enemies

The Fifth Lesson

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Hymnal 75

1. There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2. O____ Zi - on, that bring-est good tid - ings, get thee
 3. but the word of our God____ en - dur - eth, the____

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des-ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for____ our God! The____
 peo - ple the com - ing of____ their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they____ per - ish, like
 feed his____ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty____ hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our____ works de - cay, the power and____ pomp of
 lambs he'll____ gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
 na - tions shall____ pass like a dream a - way;
 lead____ them, and____ bring them safe to his fold.

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 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

I Want To Be Ready

LEVAS 7

1. I want__ to be read - y, I want__ to be read - y, __

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. I want__ to be read - y, I want__ to be read - y, __".

Fine

I want__ to be read - y__ to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I want__ to be read - y__ to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John." The system ends with a double bar line.

1. John said that Je - ru - sa - lem was four-square, Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.
2. When Pe - ter was preach-ing at Pen - te - cost,

The third system introduces two verses. The first verse is: "1. John said that Je - ru - sa - lem was four-square, Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John." The second verse is: "2. When Pe - ter was preach-ing at Pen - te - cost,". The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff has rests for the first two measures of each verse.

D.C.

1. I hope, good Lord, I'll__ meet you there, Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John. O
2. O he was filled with the Ho - ly Ghost,

The fourth system continues the two verses. The first verse is: "1. I hope, good Lord, I'll__ meet you there, Walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John. O". The second verse is: "2. O he was filled with the Ho - ly Ghost,". The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff has rests for the first two measures of each verse.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

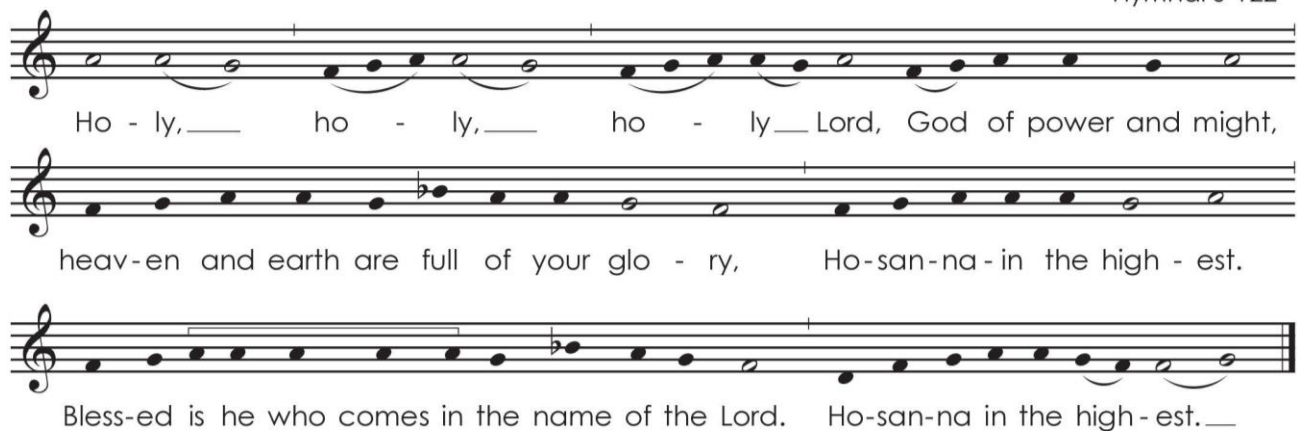
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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



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.

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



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.**

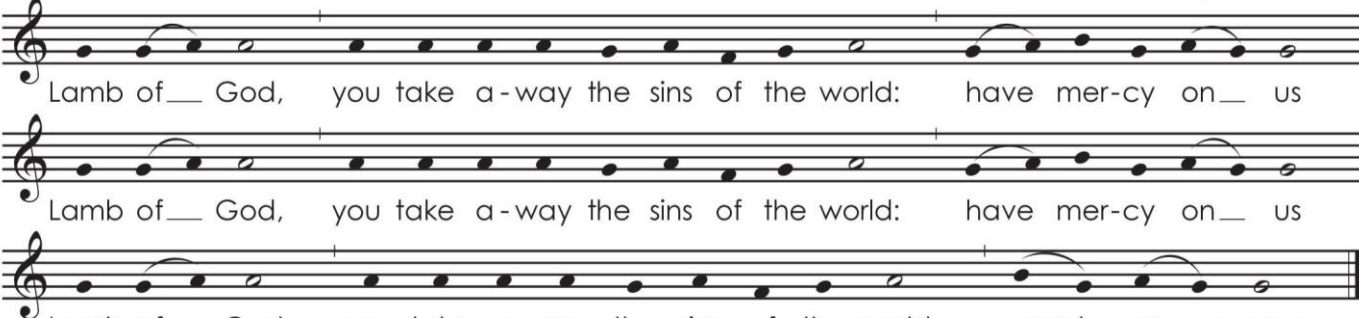
Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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

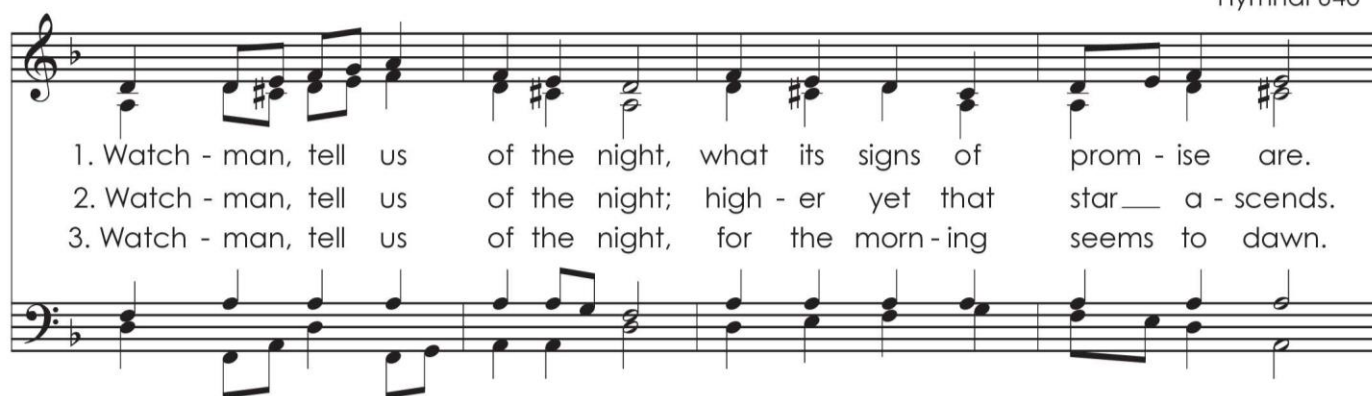
The Blessing

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

Watchman, Tells Us of the Night

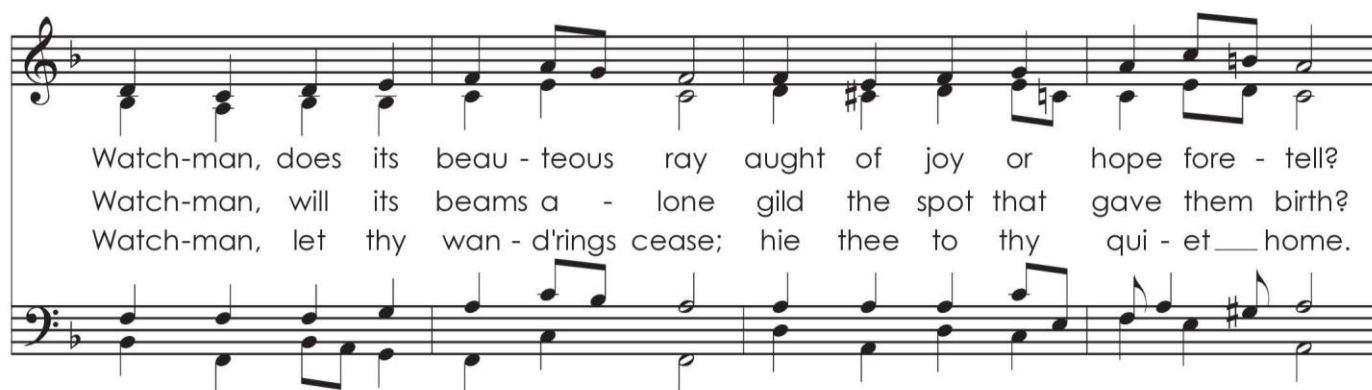
Hymnal 640



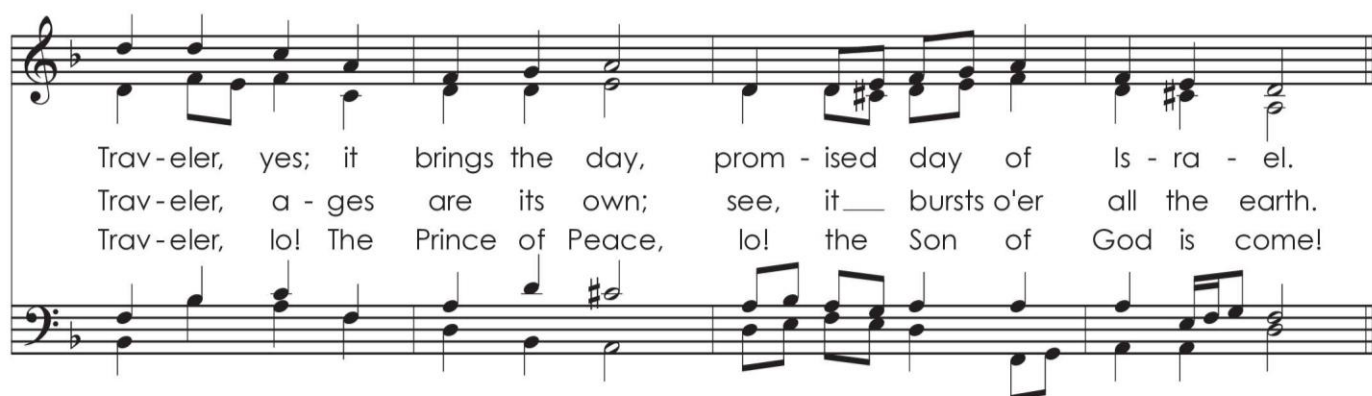
1. Watch - man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise are.
2. Watch - man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star__ a - scends.
3. Watch - man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to dawn.



Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry - beam - ing star.
Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, let thy wan - d'rings cease; hie thee to thy qui - et__ home.



Trav - eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
Trav - eler, a - ges are its own; see, it__ bursts o'er all the earth.
Trav - eler, lo! The Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

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
- 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:

- 12/21, 6-8pm- ALL are Welcome to learn about and celebrate St Thomas' ties to Indian culture
- **CHRISTMAS EVE**, 12/24
 - 9am, 4pm, 8pm
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**, 12/25
 - 10am, one service only
- 1/6, Saturday at 6pm- Epiphany Compline and Potluck

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

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

Parish Calendar

Monday, 12/18

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

Tuesday, 12/19

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

Wednesday, 12/20

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

Thursday, 12/21

- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm
- (G,K) Celebrate St Thomas in India, 6-8pm

Friday, 12/22

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

Saturday, 12/23

- No current reservations

Sunday, 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9am
- 4pm
- 8pm

Monday, 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10am, one service only

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

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| 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...

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| 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 | |

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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

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| 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

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



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People's Warden: Philippa Sunnergren
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Cami Seward
Philippa Sunnergren

Class of 2025

Joan Bennett
Mike Grabowski
Marilyn Prime

Class of 2026

Sally Price
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