



December 24th, 2023

**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

8pm

RITE II WITH MUSIC

Christmas Flower Dedications

In Loving Memory of
Charles H & Elizabeth Baxter
Mr and Mrs Michael Petroski Sr
Mike Petroski Jr
and Joseph Petroski Jr
from
Charles & Diane Baxter

With Thanksgiving for
Franklin F Wheeler
from
Marc Cheban

In Loving Memory of
Grier & Hammond
family loved ones
from
Jo-Ann & George Grier

With Thanksgiving for
our wonderful faith family
from
The Hartman Family

In Loving Memory of
Margaret & Winthrop Reed
and Tippy & Caleb Holyoke
from
Caleb W and Martha AR

With Thanksgiving
for family & friends
from
Madeline & Greg Johnson

With Thanksgiving
for family
from
Beryl King

With Thanksgiving
from
Jack and Marge O'Donnell

With Thanksgiving for
Michael, David, & Michelle
from
Carol Palermo

In Loving Memory of
Raymond & Helen Boddington Gast
Wilmer E & M. Pauline Sharpe
Garlin S Smith, Jr
from
Deacon Sheila & Richard Sharpe

With Thanksgiving for
47 years of marriage to Stan
and Stan's 68th birthday on Dec 31st
from
Helen Spence

In Loving Memory of
Nick Witmer
and With Thanksgiving for
Meagan, Angie, Finley,
& Spencer Prime
and Chad Whitmer
from
Marilyn Prime & Roy Whitmer

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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Introit

Celebrant

Let us go forth in peace.

People

In the name of Christ. A - men

Celebrant

Be - hold, the dwell - ing of God is with cre - a - tion.

People

God will dwell with us and we shall be his peo - ple.

Celebrant

God is with us. Al - le - lu - ia.

People

Come let us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. See how the shep - herds, sum - mon'd to his cra - dle,
 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

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

Gloria in excelsis

S-278

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly - Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

William Mathias

Collect

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

seated

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino



- 1 Sing to 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 greatly >> **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 magnificence >> **of his** presence! *
Oh, the power and the splen->> **dor of** his sanctuary! **Refrain**
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families >> **of the** peoples, *
ascribe to the Lord >> **hon-or** and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor >> **due his** Name; *
bring offerings and come >> **in-to** his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beau->> **ty of** holiness; *
let the whole earth >> **trem-ble** be-fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The >> **Lord is King!** *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,
and will judge the >> **peo-ples with** equity." **Refrain**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all >> **that is** in it; *
let the field be joyful and all >> **that is** there-in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord, >> **when he** comes, *
when he comes >> **to judge** the earth.
- B** 13 He will judge the >> **world with** righteousness, *
and the >> **peo-ples with** truth. **Refrain**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O Hearken Ye

Text: Wihla Hutson

Music: Alfred Burt

O Hearken ye who would believe,
The gracious tidings now receive:
Gloria, Gloria In excelsis Deo.
The might Lord of heav'n and earth,
Today is come to human birth. *Refrain*

O hearken ye who long for peace,
Your troubled searching now may cease. *Refrain*
For at his cradle you shall find
God's healing grace for all mankind. *Refrain*

O hearken ye who long for love,
And turn your hearts to God above. *Refrain*
The angel's song the wonder tells:
Now Love Incarnate with us dwells! *Refrain*

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

**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.**

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.



In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to those we remember on our parish prayer list, those we carry in our hearts, those we name now, and all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

In this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in the Middle East and in all the world. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand those who have gone before us in this church, those departed loved ones we name now, those for whom memorials of flowers have been given, and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,

Lord hear our prayer.

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, Thomas, Nicholas, and all the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.**

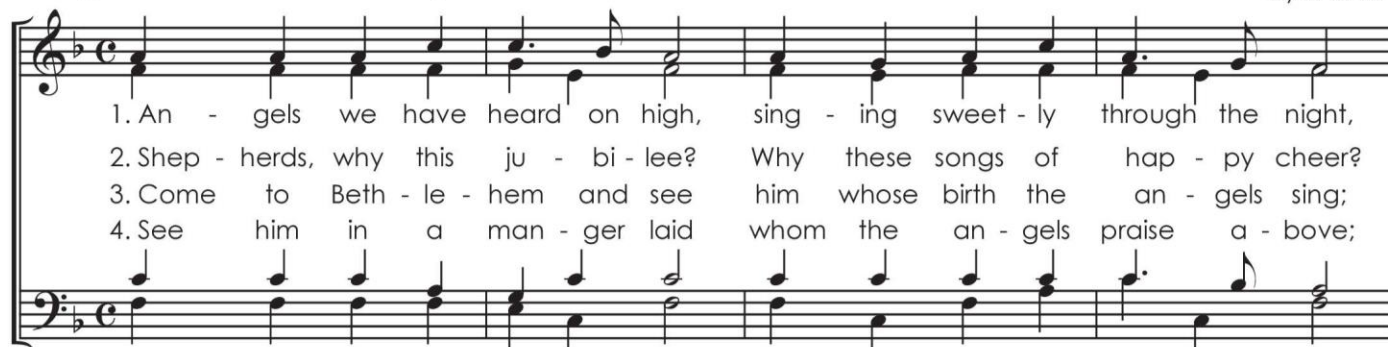
OFFERTORY

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 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

Angels We Have Heard on High

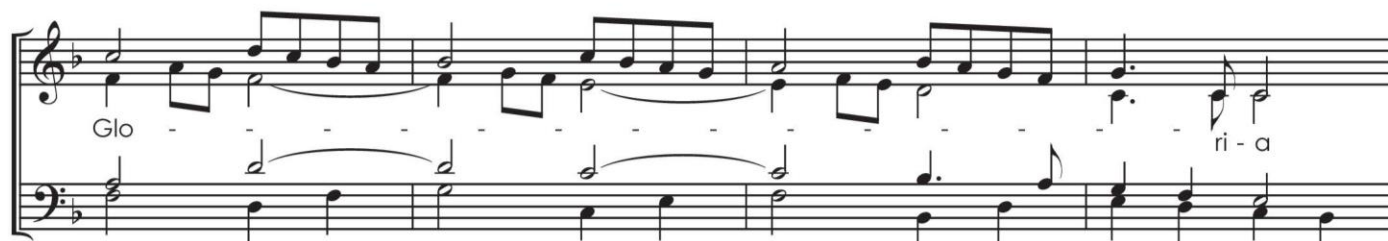
Hymnal 96



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



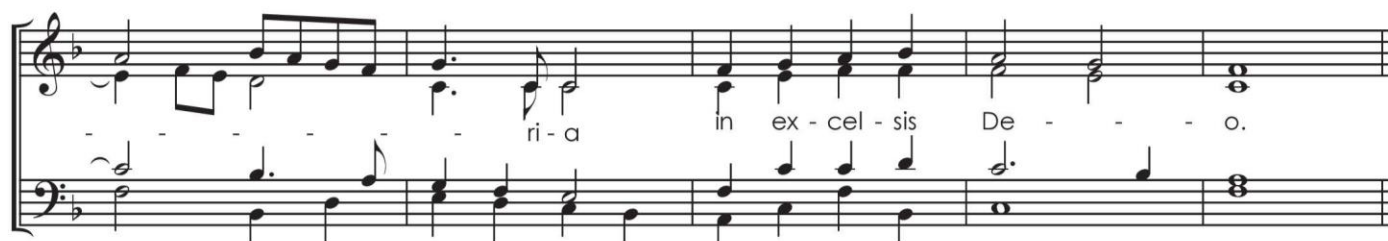
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



In ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - - ri - a



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - - - o.

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:

Sanctus

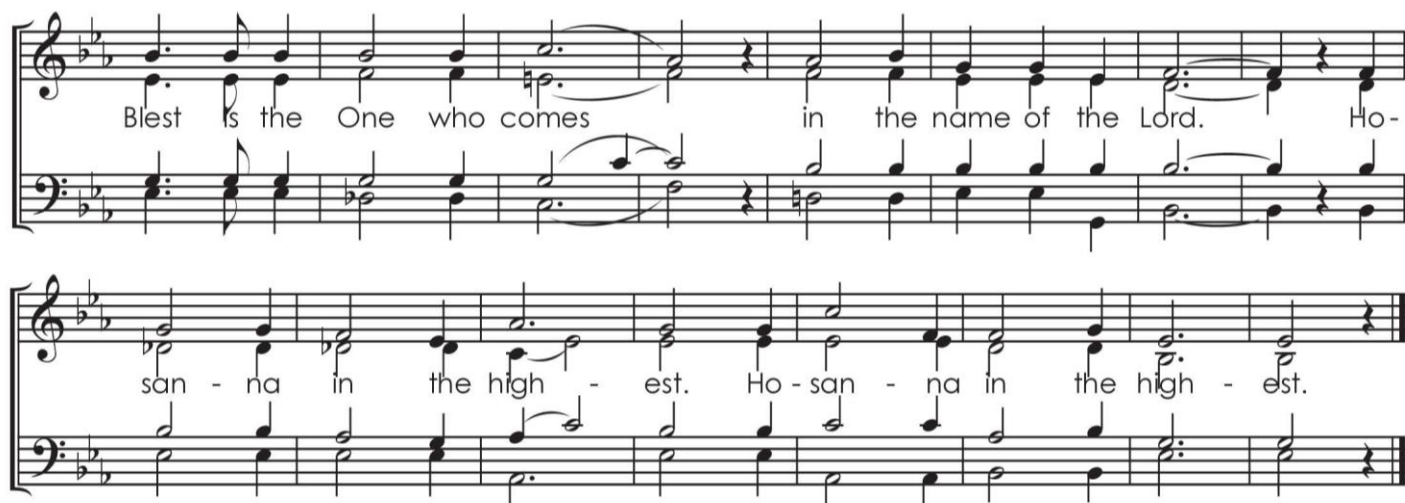
Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



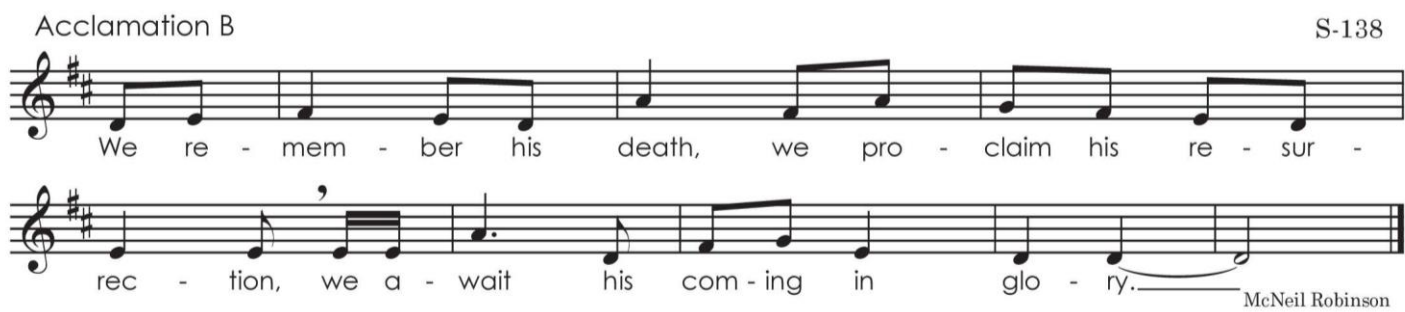
The people stand or kneel.

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 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on - us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your

peace, give us your peace.

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.*

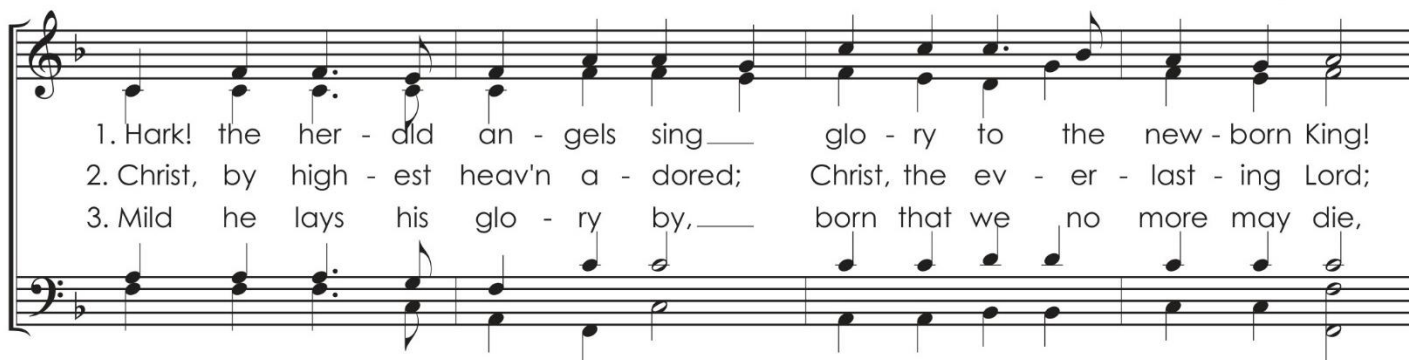
All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the 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

Communion Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal 87



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing — glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; — hail the/in - car - nate De - i - ty. —
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the/an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim Christ is___ born In Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glor - ry___ to the new - born King!

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.**

Creche Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal 111

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav'n - ly hosts__ sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep__ in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!__ Christ,__ the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.__ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Announcements

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Processing into the community

Joy to the World

Hymnal 100

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart - pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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:

- **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, 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10am, one service only

Saturday, 12/30

- No current reservations

Tuesday, 12/26

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

Sunday, 12/31

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

Wednesday, 12/27

- No current reservations

Thursday, 12/28

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

Friday, 12/29

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

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

Adele T	Christine D	Jeanne M	Michael C
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,	Sophie A
Cecily SH	Frank W	& Martha K	South family
Charles B	Fred & Lori	Marge C	Stephen M
Charlie H	Freddie B	Margy H	Stover B
Charlie M & Ellen S	Geoff C	Maria P	Susan & family
Chaun	George H	Marian S & family	Terri B
Chris C	Gina H	Marianne A	Thomas M
Chris E	Giorgio & family	Mary T	Tom H
Chris G	Harrison family	Mary Ellen H	Tom P
Christine & Erich	Janice F	Maryanne & Bob	Vicki G
Christine A & Francis	Jean & Richard P	Matt S	Walelgne

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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Larry Duggan
Cami Seward
Philippa Sunnergren

Class of 2025

Joan Bennett
Mike Grabowski
Marilyn Prime

Class of 2026

Sally Price
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