



December 31st, 2023

**1ST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10:30am, Rite II**



# 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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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing

## From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Hymnal 443



1. From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man - food from hu -
2. He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
3. The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
4. He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
5. Who then, my Lord, com-pares to you? The Watch - er slept, the



man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his  
 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his  
 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - joice but  
 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and  
 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.  
 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.  
 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.  
 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.  
 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glor - y.

## 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

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Gloria in excelsis

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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## **Epistle Lesson**

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

**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.**

Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to and terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family left Bethlehem and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As we join with Christians everywhere in the joy of God-With-Us, we remember those dear to us, those who serve in the military, those who go in harm's way to serve and protect us, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of life eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this day, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. **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

#### Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal 20 (1940)



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
5. Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost to thee,



He is Al - pha and O - meg - a, He the source, the end - ing he,  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bare the Sa - viour of our race;  
Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;  
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be:



of the things that are, that have - - - been,  
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er,  
let no tongue on earth be si - - - lent,  
Hon - or, glo - ry and do - min - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er more!  
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

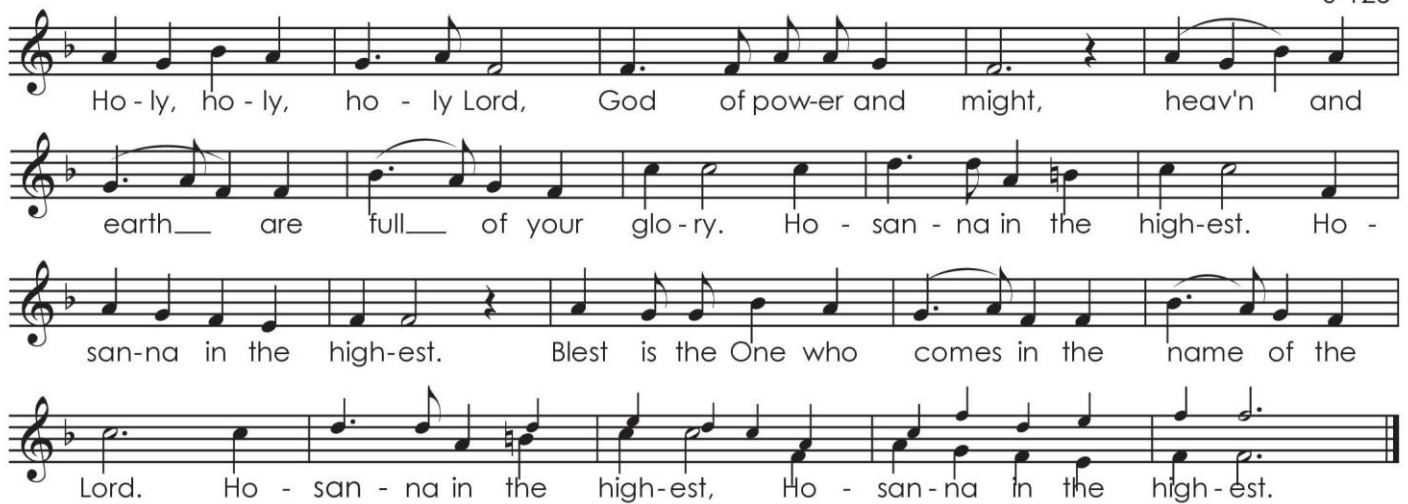
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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

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Richard Proulx

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues* 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."

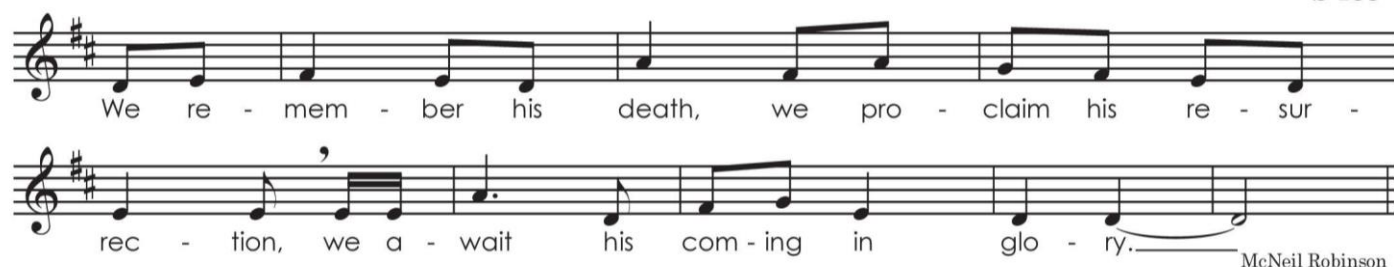
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

Acclamation B

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*The Celebrant continues* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Celebrant  
People**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**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

- 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

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

### Let All Mortal Flesh

Hymnal 324



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep\_\_\_ si - lence, and with fear and  
2. King of kings, yet born of\_\_\_ Ma - ry, as of old on  
3. Rank on rank the host of\_\_\_ hea - ven spreads it van - guard  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with  
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth he\_\_\_ stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the\_\_\_ way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth  
sleep - less\_\_\_ eye, veil their fa - ces to the\_\_\_ Pres - ence,  
for with bless - ing in his\_\_\_ hand Christ our God to  
in the Bo - dy and the\_\_\_ Blood he will give to  
from the realms of end - less\_\_\_ day, that the powers of  
as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,  
earth de - scend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.  
all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly\_\_\_ food.  
hell may va - nish as the dark-ness clears a - way.  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## 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:**

- 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](mailto:StThomasOffice@googlegroups.com).

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:  
[www.StThomasNewarkDE.church](http://www.StThomasNewarkDE.church)

## Parish Calendar

### **Monday, 1/1** **Welcome 2024**

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

### **Tuesday, 1/2**

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

### **Wednesday, 1/3**

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

### **Thursday, 1/4**

- (U) private meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

### **Friday, 1/5**

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

### **Saturday, 1/6**

- **Epiphany Compline and Potluck,**
  - (G, K) 6-8pm
  - **ALL are Welcome**

### **Sunday, 1/7**

- 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

### **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	Chuck & Paula R	John D	Mullens family
Archer family	Claire L	Jonny K	Nancy G
Austin M & Krissy V	Connie L	Judy B	Pam D
Barry G	Court W	Julie	Pat & Emmett J
Bernice R	D Green	June G	Paula B
Betty H	Dana	Karen R	Richardson family
Blackman family	Daphne D	Kathryn D	Rick R
Bob M	Darren M	Kay	Ricky G
Bob P	Denise B	Kelly K	Sabhi
Bob S	Dennis R	Krista B	Shannan D
Bob T	Devon MD	Lane family	Shannon
Brendan S	Elaine W	Larry	Sharon O
Brighton P	Eley family	Liz R	Sondra B
Carew family	Elmer T	Lorraine CS	Sophie A
Carol G	Erin & family	Mara, Mike, & Martha K	South family
Carol M	Flora R	Marge C	Stephen M
Carolyn V	Frank W	Margy H	Stover B
Cecily SH	Fred & Lori	Maria P	Sue L
Charles B	Freddie B	Marian S & family	Susan & family
Charlie H	Geoff C	Marianne A	Terri B
Charlie M & Ellen S	George H	Mary T	Thomas M
Chaun	Gina H	Mary Ellen H	Tom H
Chris C	Giorgio & family	Maryanne & Bob	Tom P
Chris E	Harrison family	Matt S	Vicki G
Chris G	Janice F	Michael C	Walelgne
Christine & Erich	Jean & Richard P	Mike G	
Christine A & Francis	Jeanne M	Morgen and family	
Christine D	Jim T		

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

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Philippa Sunnergren

### Class of 2025

Joan Bennett  
Mike Grabowski  
Marilyn Prime

### Class of 2026

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