





Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing



Celebrant

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

People

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria



Marc F. Cheban

Collect

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS seated

First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Deus deorum



- 1 The Lord, the God >> of **gods** has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the >> sun **to** its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, per->> fect **in** its beauty, * God reveals >> him-**self** in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and >> will **not** keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him >> a **raa**-ing storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the >> earth from a-bove * to witness the judg->> ment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me >> my loy-al followers, * those who have made a convenant with me, and >> sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the right->> ness **of** his cause, * for God >> him-**self** is judge.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual anthem

Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands

Schweizer.Lehman

Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the Father's blessing, Blazing forth to all the lands,

Saints and angels now professing. Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory, Chosen witnesses of grace,

There to see and tell the story. Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, then proclaims to all before him: This is my beloved Son!

Nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising For this vision's mystery,

Songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia!

The Gospel Mark 9:2-9 standing

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

THE NICENE CREED standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made. of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have seen the light of Christ, and for all who work to spread it in the world. May they have the joy that moves mountains and the peace that wins over all enemies. We pray especially for Christians whose faith must withstand the loss of home, family, and personal safety.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of Christian communities around the world. May their wisdom and gentleness inspire the faithful and convert the hard-hearted. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, all those who lead the Anglican Communion and those who lead our own Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who lead the nations of the world, and for all countries and people. May they do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly as servants of the Kingdom of God. We pray especially for those who lead our nation, our states, and our communities, and for all who work for peace and reconciliation.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the needs of our own community, for our neighbors, and for those whose dignity depends on our compassion. In helping and being helped, may we make one another holy. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have lost home and security through war, natural disaster, and economic hardship. May we have the courage and energy to see and respond to their needs, and may they find the safe rest that is a foretaste of our promised rest in Heaven. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who risk their own safety for the sake of others, all who work for the safety of our own community, and all who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they find healing and strength.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our partners in mission, especially for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and for St Anne's School, Middletown. May they join with us in spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. We give thanks for all the saints and faithful people who have gone before us. May they have rest from their labors and a share in God's promises.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, 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 though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

Offertory Hymn



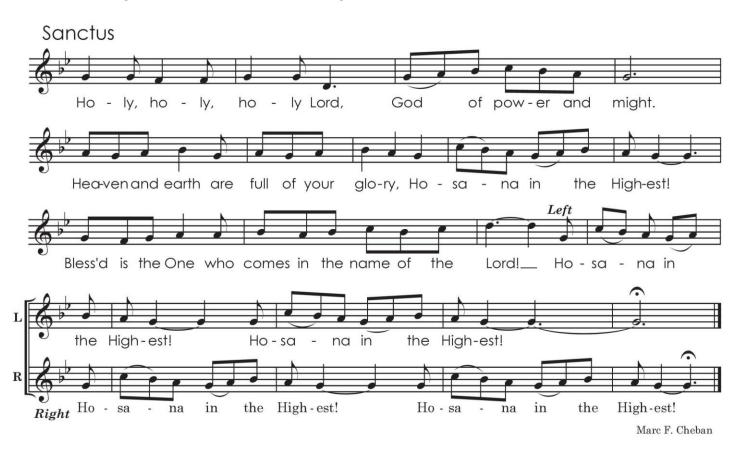
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Proper Preface] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel.

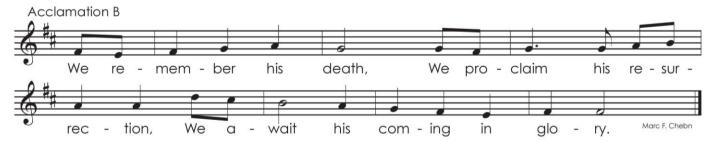
The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People



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

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

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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

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.



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

- 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.

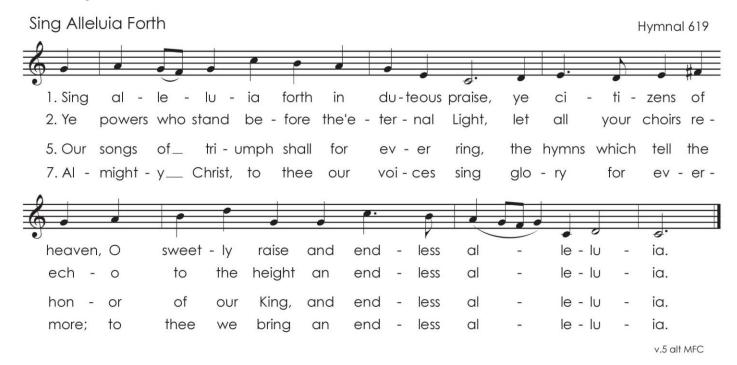
Announcements
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THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

The altar flowers this week were given in memory of Myrtle & Joseph Hammond by Jo-Ann and George Grier and lovingly arranged by Rue Manning

Please take this service booklet home with you, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

Growth and Fellowship:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
 - o Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3rd Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

Upcoming Parish Events:

- Feb 13- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Feb 14- Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday
- Feb 25- Annual Meeting planning 9-10am
- March 10- Annual Meeting and Daylight Savings
- March 23- Blood Drive
- March 25-30 Holy Week
- March 31- Easter Sunday

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

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

Parish Calendar

Monday, 2/12

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

Tuesday, 2/13 Shrove Tuesday

- (G, K) Pancake Dinner!, 5:30pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

Wednesday, 2/14 Ash Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday services:
 - o 7am
 - o Noon
 - o 7pm
- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- (G, K, U) Private meeting 6-9pm

Thursday, 2/15

- (C, K) Private Event, 4-8pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

Friday, 2/16

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

Saturday, 2/17

• (G) private event, 9am-5pm

Sunday, 2/18

- 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 Christine D Archer family Chuck & Paula R Art W Claire L Austin M & Krissy V Connie L Barry G Court W Bernice R D Green Betty H Dana Blackman family Daphne D Bob M David W Bob P Denise B Bob R Dennis R Bob S Devon MD Bob T Diane B Brendan S Elaine W Brighton P Elmer T Carew family Erin & family Carol G Flora R Carol M Frank W

Carol M

Carolyn V

Cecily SH

Charles B

Charlie H

Charlie M & Ellen S

Chaun

Chris C

Frank W

Fred & Lori

Freddie B

Geoff C

George H

Gina H

Giorgio & family

Harrison family

Chris E Janice F
Chris G Jean & Richard P
Christine & Erich Jeff S

Christine A & Francis

John D
Jonny K
Judy B
Julie
June G
Karen R
Kari F
Kathryn D
Kay
Kelly K
Krista B
Lane family
Larry
Liz R

Mara, Mike, & Martha K Marge C Margy H Maria P Marian S & family

Lorraine CS

Marianne A
Martha M
Mary T
Maryanne & Bob
Matt S

Matri S Michael C Mike G

Morgen and family

Nicholas

Mullens family Nancy G Pam D

Pat & Emmett J

Paula B

Richardson family

Rick R
Ricky G
Sabhi
Shannan D
Shannon
Sharon O
Shirley B
Sondra B
Sophie A
South family
Stephen M
Stover B
Sue L

Susan & family

Terri B
Thomas M
Tom H
Tom P
Tom S
Vicki G
Walelgne

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

Adam Christie J Annie R Duncan P Grace H Ben Bob James Bradley Jeremy Brett Joe Brian Josh Charlie K Kagen

Jim T

Kate Stacy
Kathy Stuart
Kevin Tina
Luke Tyler
Marvin Victoria
Matthew
Nate

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.

February Birthdays

Sheila Sharpe Wayne Weaver Karen Rockhold Jessica Tompkins Larry Duggan Jinglan Redder Jane Fox-Babcock Michael McGough Belinda Young-Payne	February 4 February 6 February 15 February 18 February 20 February 22 February 23 February 25
Belinda Young-Payne	February 25
Rosie Hartman	February 27
Sue James	February 28

February Anniversaries

Sharon and Rob South February 26





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Philippa Sunnergren

Class of 2025 Joan Bennett Mike Grabowski Marilyn Prime Class of 2026
Sally Price
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