



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!

Procession



PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment

greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

--Silence--

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,

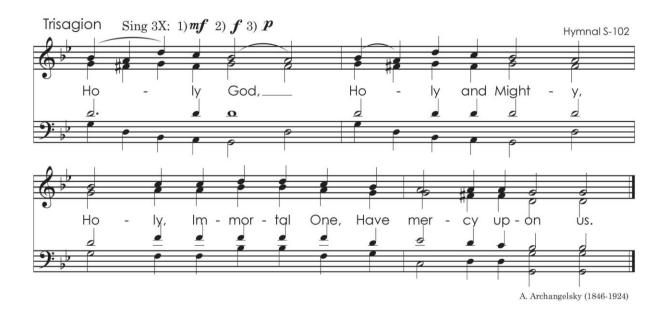
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.



Collect

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God,* and the firmament shows / his handiwork.
- One day tells its tale to an/other,* and one night imparts knowledge to / another.
- 3 Although they have no words or / language,* and their voi/ces are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into / all lands,* and their message to the ends / of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun;*
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion / to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of / it again;*
 nothing is hidden from / its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re/vives the soul;* the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to / the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re/joice the heart;* the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light / to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever;* the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous al/together.
- More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold,* sweeter far than honey, than hon/ey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened,* and in keeping them there / is great reward.
- Who can tell how often / he offends?* cleanse me from / my secret faults.
- Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion / over me;*
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of / a great offense.
- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your / sight,*
 - O LORD, my strength and my / redeemer.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual anthem

The Gospel John 2:13-22 standing

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.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and all our mind, let us come before the Throne of Grace and ask God's mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

For the evil we do	Lord, have mercy
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For the good we fail to do Lord, have mercy

For the faith we lack Lord, have mercy

For the blessings we take for granted Lord, have mercy

For the grace to turn again

and believe Lord, have mercy

For the light of the Gospel to guide

our feet Lord, have mercy

For the example of the saints to

strengthen our faith Lord, have mercy

For the glory of the Cross to shape

our lives Lord, have mercy

For the Church in every place Lord, have mercy

For the faithful who suffer for Christ Lord, have mercy

For those who do not yet believe Lord, have mercy

For those who have lost their faith Lord, have mercy

For the nations and peoples of the

world Lord, have mercy

For those who make war and those

who make peace Lord, have mercy

For those driven from their homes

by fear Lord, have mercy

For those blinded by greed and

hatred Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who go hungry Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who are unemployed

Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who are lonely

Lord, have mercy

For our neighbors who have no hope

Lord, have mercy

For all we love who are sick or in any kind of trouble, those listed in this morning's service leaflet, those we name now, silently or aloud, and those known only to God

Lord, have mercy

For The Church of the Province of Uganda, and for Province III

Lord, have mercy

For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, those we name now, silently or aloud, and all who risk their lives for others

Lord, have mercy

For all the faithful departed, especially those we name now, silently or aloud and all those who have gone before us in this parish

Lord, have mercy

Holy God Holy and mighty Holy and immortal Have mercy on us.

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.

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.

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, send Jesus Christ, you 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



The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascention, 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.

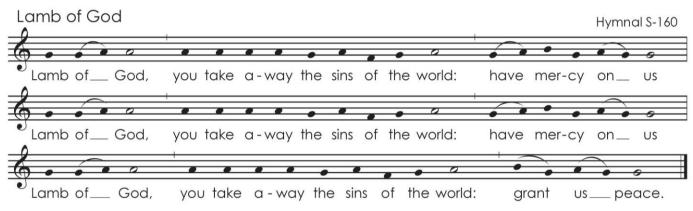
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.



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.

ΑII

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

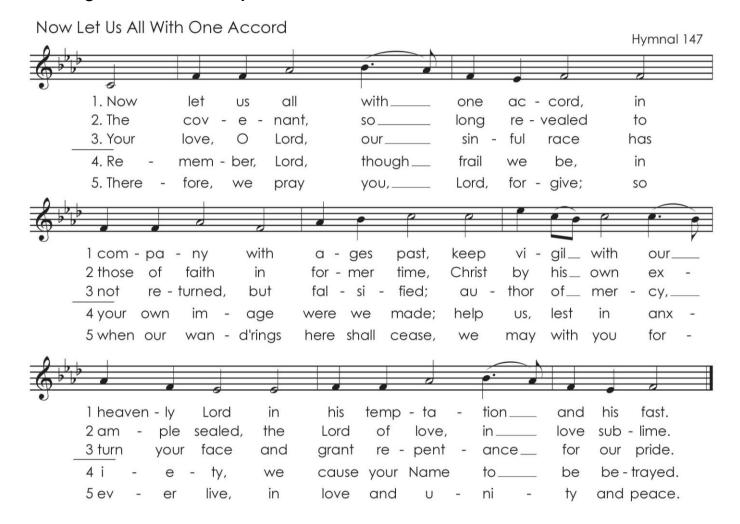
Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and

put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processing into the community



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.



Land Acknowledgment

The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The churches, buildings, and properties of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are located on land that was and continues to be home to the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape people.

We honor and express gratitude for the native peoples who have inhabited, cultivated, and nourished this land for thousands of years. In paying our respect to their rich and diverse cultures, we acknowledge and lament the violence and systematic oppression inflicted upon indigenous peoples.

We repent of these historic and ongoing sins. With God's help, we will strive for justice and peace among all peoples, and respect the dignity of every human being.

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:

- March 10- Annual Meeting and Daylight Savings
- March 16- Poets' Corner, Marceline White
- March 23- Blood Drive
- March 25-30 Holy Week
- March 31- Easter Sunday

To reserve an appointment for the 3/23 St Thomas blood drive:

https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/9893

Please let your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to save a life!

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, 3/4

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

Tuesday, 3/5

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

Wednesday, 3/6

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (G, K) Private meeting 6-9pm

Thursday, 3/7

- (P) Bazaar Planning meeting, 6:30pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

Friday, 3/8

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

Saturday, 3/9

• No current reservations

Sunday, 3/10

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- ANNUAL MEETING, noon
- (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

Christine D Adele T John S Mullens family Chuck & Paula R Archer family Jonny K Nancy G Art W Claire L Judy B Pam D Austin M & Krissy V Connie L Julie Pat & Emmett J Barry G Court W June G Paula B Bernice R D Green Karen R Reggie I Betty H Kari F Richardson family Dana Blackman family Daphne D Kathryn D Rick R Bob M David W Ricky G Kay Bob P Denise B Kelly K Rory Bob S Krista B Dennis R Sabhi Bob T Devon MD Lane family Shannan D Brendan S Diane B Larry Shannon Brennan family Elaine W Laura G Sharon O Brighton P Elmer T Liz R Sheron H Carew family Erin & family Lorraine CS Shirley B Carl J Flora R Mara, Mike, Sondra B Carol G & Martha K Sophie A Frank W Carol M Fred & Lori Marge C South family Carolyn V Freddie B Margy H Stephen M Cecily SH Stover B Geoff C Maria P Charles B Marian S & family George H Sue L Charlie H Gina H Marianne A Susan & family Charlie M & Ellen S Giorgio & family Terri B Martha M Chaun Harrison family Mary T Thomas M Chris C Janice F Maryanne & Bob Tom H Chris E Jean & Richard P Matt S Tom P Chris G Michael C Tom S Jeff S Christine & Erich Jim T Mike G Vicki G Christine A & Francis John D Morgen and family 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 Tina Ben Grace H Kevin Luke Tyler Bob James Victoria Bradley Jeremy Marvin **Brett** Joe Matthew Brian Josh Nate Charlie K **Nicholas**

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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.

March Birthdays

March 1 March 1 March 4
March 5 March 5 March 8
March 9 March 12 March 13
March 13 March 14 March 19
March 19 March 19 March 20
March 25 March 28 March 29
March 29 March 30 March 31

March Anniversaries

Luke and Wendy Campbell March 16





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