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TRINITY SUNDAY



Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in –person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)
Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist
Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: www.stthomasparish.org.

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong! If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

PSB: Praying Shapes Believing

Whether it is your first time, or your thousandth, reading, reciting, and praying the traditional Rite II worship, it is worthwhile to ask why. In this section of the leaflet, we will examine some of our prayers and collects to help us find more meaning and connection in the ritual.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...

What is it?

The Nicene Creed is a statement of our faith drafted by the Council of Nicaea (in modern Turkey) in AD 325, and amended by the Council of Constantinople (Istanbul) in AD 381. It has been a standard part of the worship of Eastern and Western Christian churches since that time.

Why do we do it?

The Creed is an outline of what we believe. Reciting it together reminds us of the "home base" from which our individual experiences of God begin. By putting some complex theological statements into the mouths of all believers, the Church emphasizes that knowledge of God is not just the privilege of experts.

What it says about God

The nature of God is a firm foundation in a world of changes. God's desire to be known engages the mind as well as the heart.

Messages for how we live

What we do is rooted in who – and whose – we understand ourselves to be.

<u>For more</u> – Have a look at the historical documents section at the back of the Book of Common Prayer, especially Pages 864-865.

Prelude

Procession



THE WORD OF GOD

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

People And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

First Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

- Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; * you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; * on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- Glory to you, beholding the depths; * in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is

that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Fanfare

All stand

The Gospel John 3:1-17

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.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr Sasser

The Nicene Creed

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 man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord hear our prayer.

For all the people of the household of God, that we may be one as God is one, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that they may be guided by Holy Wisdom, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may use the power entrusted to them to bring justice and peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**.

For all in our community who are in any need or trouble, that we may know them to be our brothers and sisters, and that we may know ourselves to be the hands of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**.

For policemen, firemen, emergency medical personnel, and all who protect and serve us, that they may have strength and skill, wisdom and grace, and that they may perform their duties surrounded by the Holy Angels, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, the lost, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they will find comfort and hope, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our partners in mission, especially La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and Musicians in all parishes in the ECD, that they may be bold witnesses of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that their spirits may have peace and light in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn



Presentation of the Offerings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

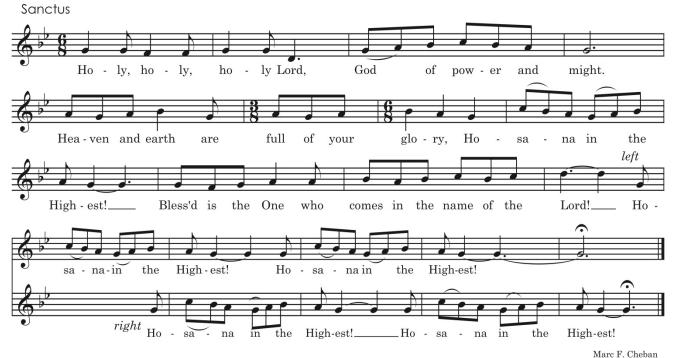
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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 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

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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,

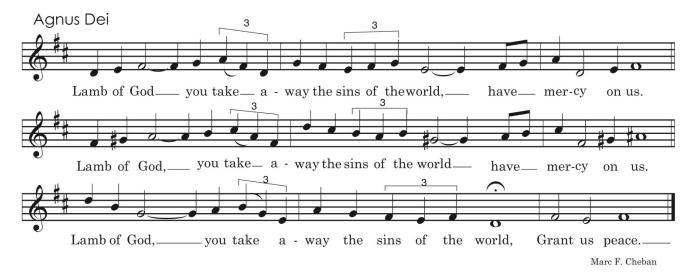
All
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem



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.

O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

At the Procession



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Prayer for the Parish's Strategic Planning Group

Holy God, you raise up laborers for your harvest, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless those engaged in the tending and renewing of your Church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen.

The leaflet picture this morning is of the triskelion, an ancient symbol taken by Christianity as representative of the Trinity.

This photograph is of a triskelion carving from the Iron Age hill-fort of Castromao, Celanova, Galicia, now in the Museo Aqueolóxico Provincial de Ourense.

Parish Prayer List

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Alma
Amanda
Andre
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Arline
Alana Davies
Ayla H
Beverly and Larry
Becky
Beryl

Beverily and Larry
Becky
Beryl
Bill & Sandy
Bob T
Bosco Family
Brian Smith
Cathy
Carol

Carol Mullinix
Carolyn Bowman
Charles Baxter
Chaun
Chris & Ginger
Christine & Erich
Christine & Francis
Christopher Corbin
Chuck
Cindy

Colin
Dale & Family
Darnell
Darrell
Dawn & DW

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Giorgio & Family Greg Hale Hailu He HarrisonFamily Ina Jane & Family Jean & Richard Pawl

Pawl
Geoff Coons
Jim
Johanna and Philip
Josh Moyer
Jude
Jule & Family
June
Kelly & family
Ken & Family

Kevin
Kizis family
Lane Family
Larry
Laurie J
Linda Alexis
Lisa

Liz & Family Luke

Lynn Dunham Maria

Marian & Family Marie

Mary & Family Michael Mike & Angie Mike Reynolds Morgan & Family

Nan

Nancy & Family

Nate

Nathalie & Maya

Nelson

Nicholas & Family

Nicole

Nikki & Family Noah Norman H Olivia Pat & Dan Pat & Emmett Peter & Mike Phil & Terri Phyllis Rashida Ray Cook

Ray Cool Reginald Reid Rick R Rob Roman Roxanna Ruth Samuel Sandy

Sandy Sorenson

Shirley

Sondra & Jeff Sophia & Family South Family Susan & family

Stacy L
Stanley
Steven
Stover
Sue James
Terrie W
Thadine
Tom
Thomas
Tim & Family
Vicki

Vivian Wanda Wayne

WeaverFamily
William McClements

WilsonFamily

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

Marvin Adam James Matthew **Annie** Joe Nate Ben Josh **Nicholas** Bob Kagen Stuart Bradley Kate Tina Brett Kathy Tyler Brian Kevin Victoria Christie Luke

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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