



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Welcome to our  
worship!



## Last Sunday after the Epiphany – February 27, 2022

*Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season after Epiphany! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Together, we all tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas' Parish, the Episcopal Church, or deepening your faith with us please fill out a welcome card and hand it to an usher or clergy person.*

Prelude

Toccata

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Opening Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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 Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

### Glory to God - LEVAS 243

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with some melodic movement in the upper register.

### **Verses:**

1 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

2 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

### ***Refrain***

4 You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

5 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

6 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

7 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

### ***Refrain***

Amen.

### **The 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.

### **First Reading**

### **Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord      **People: Thanks be to God**

- 1 God reigns; let the people tremble; \*  
God is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 God is great in Zion \*  
and is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
God is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 We proclaim your greatness, O God,  
and fall down before your footstool; \*  
you are the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, \*  
they called upon you, and you answered them.
- 7 You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- 8 "O Holy God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of our God  
and worship on God's holy hill, \*  
for our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading                      2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

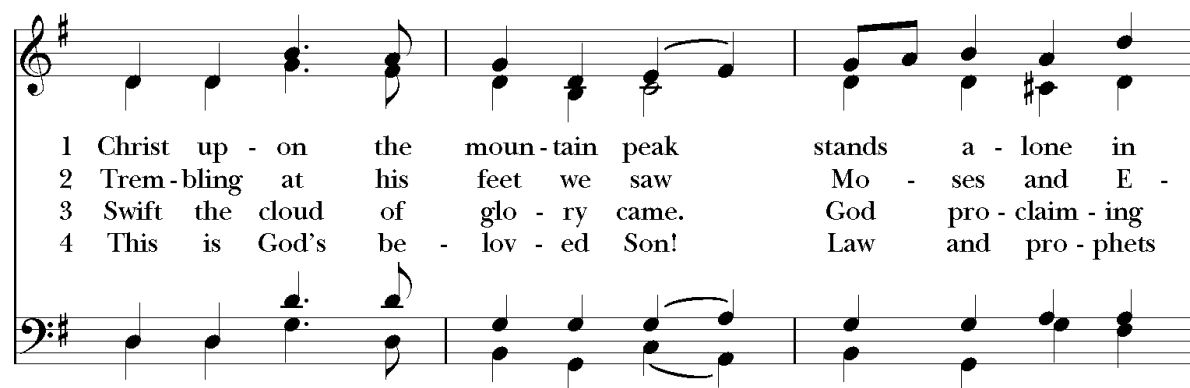
Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.


Lector:           The Word of the Lord           People:    Thanks be to God

### Sequence Hymn 129                   “Christ upon the Mountain Peak”

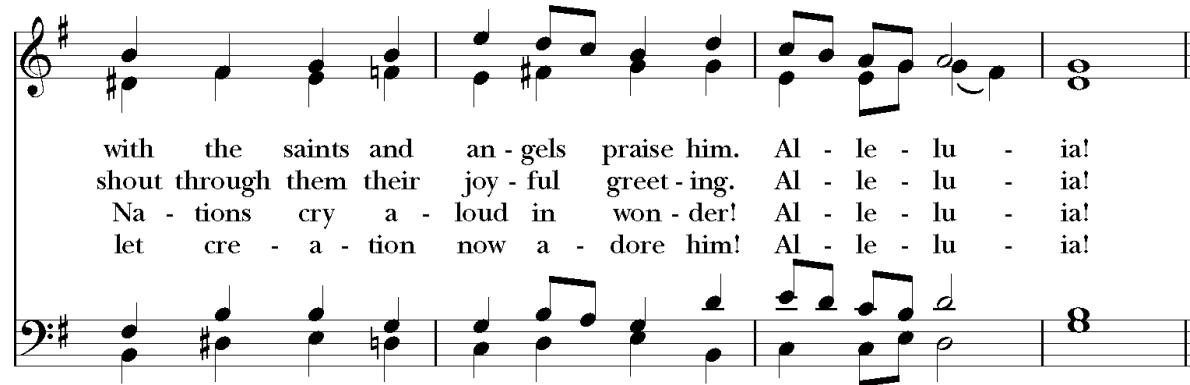
We will sing verse 1-2 before the gospel, verses 2-3 after the gospel.



1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing;  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

## The Prayers of the People

Ever mindful of God's revelation in Jesus Christ and our Lord's commandment to love one another as he loved us, let us pray to the Lord saying  
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of our Church; Mariann, our bishop; for Linda, Lisa, and Gene, clergy of our parish; and for all those who serve God in the church.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; Muriel, our Mayor; and all those who make decisions that affect the life and the well-being of the nation.

God of Love, **hear our Prayer.**

*Silence*

For those affected by climate change, famine, war, and oppression of every kind.  
God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For the concerns of the local community, especially those who are victims of gun violence, poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We also pray for our parish ministries serving Afghan refugees, the Capital Club House, Senior Citizens, Samaritan Ministry, and Christ House.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

For those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially those who are suffering from the COVID19 virus. We pray for those experiencing depression, despair, or loneliness; young and old.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name now silently, aloud, or in the comment section online.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We pray for those who have died, and are in your loving care. We pray for those who mourn that they may be comforted and feel your peace.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

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

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**



✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## Vestry and Secretary Commissioning

Wardens: On behalf of the congregation of St. Thomas' Parish, we present:

Jocko Fajardo for secretary of the vestry  
Knight Champion, Brian Crane, and Jennifer Mahle as members of the Vestry.

Celebrant: Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

Senior warden: They have.

Celebrant: (to the new leaders) Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders: I do.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Celebrant: (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: **We will.**

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Birthday Prayer: (said by all)*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Offertory**

Walk in the light... Spiritual

arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the new-born King," Jesus,  
the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.  
The ushers will collect a financial offering during the Offertory. If you'd prefer to give electronically to our operating funds, please text STTHOMASDC (\$) to 73256 or follow the QR Code.*



When you scan this QR Code with your phone's camera, it will take you directly to St. Thomas' Giving Page.

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (F major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly", "ho - ly Lord God of hosts.", and "Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -".

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

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(The Celebrant continues:)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with Saint Thomas and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.  
Santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos  
del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria  
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. At this time, we are distributing bread only. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are three stations to receive bread. The middle station has gluten-free wafers. If you prefer a blessing, please go to the middle station.*

Communion Hymn 91 LEVAS

“Give me Jesus”

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I  
2. Dark — mid - night was my cry Dark — mid - night was my  
3. O — when I come to die, O — when I come to

1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - - sus.  
2. cry, Dark — mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - - sus.  
3. die, O — when I come to die Give me Je - - sus.

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus, You may

have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

Words: Traditional  
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Evelyn D. White. Used by Permission.

## Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

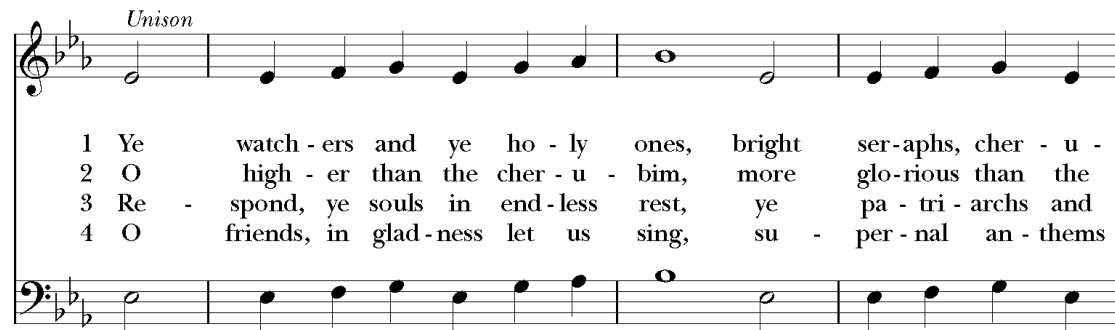
Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen

## Closing Hymn 618

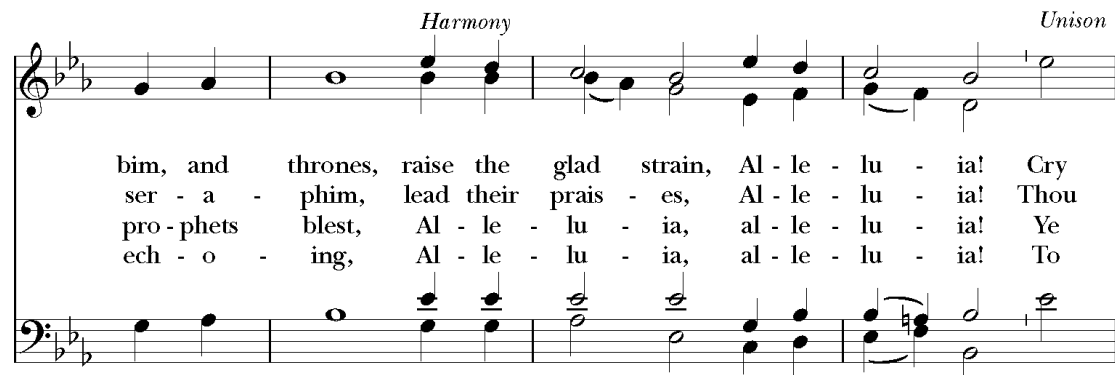
## “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

*Unison*

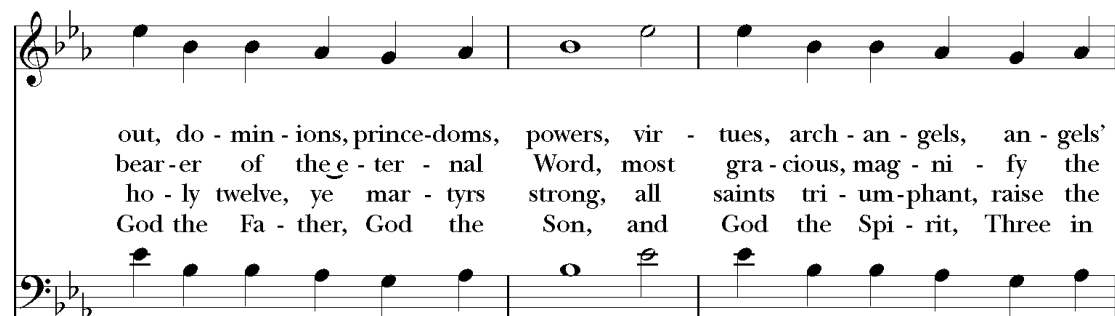


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Fête

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God.*

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Announcements for February 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the last Sunday after the Epiphany. We hear the story of the transfiguration in Luke's Gospel (Luke 9:28-36) and we sing our last alleluias before moving into the season of Lent. Following the service we will move outside for a festive coffee hour and a burning the palm leaves from years past. These ashes will be placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a reminder of our mortality. You are invited to bring something tasty to share for our outdoor Coffee Hour. We are hoping next year we can return to having a Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras party!

The Church invites us to live a Holy Lent each Ash Wednesday. Suggestions for living a Holy Lent are found in our Ash Wednesday service: self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading Holy Scripture. Throughout our announcements you'll read of other ways to enter into a Holy Lent, including a special retreat later in March.

If you are newer to our parish, our next Welcome Sunday is March 27. Following our service, we will have a special coffee hour followed by a tour and conversation about our ministry and mission. This is a great opportunity to learn more and get to know other members of the parish.

God bless you,  
Lisa+

**Scan this QR link to see all of our announcements online.**



**Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.**

**Sunday, February 27:**      **THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
9:15 am                      Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am                     Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
11:30 am                     Coffee Hour and Burning of the Palm leaves  
12:00 - 2:00 pm            Sorting of donations for the refugees

**Wednesday, March 2:**    **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
8:00-11:00 am              Ashes to Go  
12:00 pm                     Ash Wednesday Service of the Holy Eucharist  
4:00 - 6:00 pm              Ashes to Go  
                                      Sorting of donations for the refugees  
6:30 pm                        Ash Wednesday Service of the Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, March 6:**        **LENT 1**  
10:30 am                     Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook  
11:30 am                     Coffee Hour  
12:00 – 2:00 pm            Sorting of donations for the refugees

**Zoom Code for worship and parish meetings and Wednesday evening worship:**

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718              Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Worship with St. Thomas'

### **Burning of the Palm Leaves**

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent is approaching. On the first day of Lent, it is customary for ashes to be placed on the foreheads of Christians as a reminder of our mortality. The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of the Palm Sunday of the previous year. If you have your palm leaves or crosses from years past and want to contribute them to our preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to St. Thomas' Parish for burning on February 27, 2022. You can place them in the basket located in the commons area on the ground floor.

### **Sponsoring Flowers at the Altar**

You are invited to sponsor the flowers at the altar in thanksgiving for the many blessings of your life, or in memorial for someone who has died. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board on the first floor or you may sign up by emailing [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org). Suggested contribution for flowers is \$100.

### **Ashes to Go Volunteers:**

Sign up with Rev. Lisa to help distribute ashes outside on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will distribute ashes in front of the church and at the south entrance for the Dupont Circle metro stop from 8-11 am and 4-6 pm. Please contact Rev. Lisa to sign up at [lahuja@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lahuja@stthomasdc.org).

### **Ash Wednesday Schedule**

We will have two Ash Wednesday services: 12 pm and 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the penitential and contemplative season of Lent. You are encouraged to attend services here, or find a church near you on that day.

### **Baptism**

At baptism we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as one of Christ's own forever. If you seek baptism, or would like for a child to be baptized, please be in touch with Rev. Lisa. Our upcoming dates for baptism at St. Thomas' Parish are:

- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 pm
- Pentecost: Sunday, June 5 at 10:30 am.

## Take Action with St. Thomas'

**DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST!**  
Join us for food, fellowship and fun at our Watch Party for Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Breakfast! Come learn how our partnership is changing lives, one Next Step at a time.

**SATURDAY | 9:30AM -  
MARCH 19 | 11AM**

REGISTER TODAY AT [BIT.LY/NSB22](https://bit.ly/NSB22)

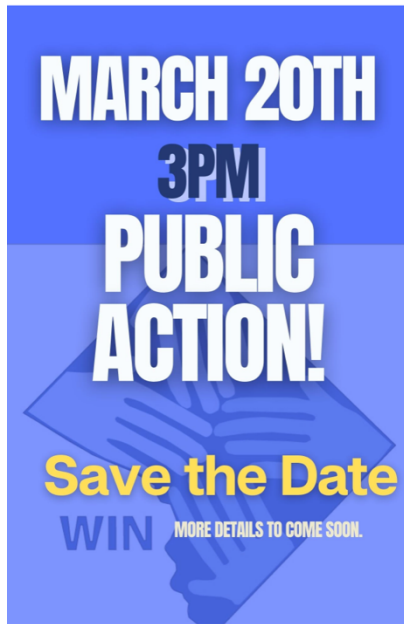
### **Join the Watch Party for the Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Breakfast**

You are invited to learn about and celebrate the work of Samaritan Ministry on Saturday morning, March 19, from 9:30-11am on the 4th Floor of St. Thomas'. First, we'll gather for fellowship and great breakfast treats on the patio, including savory and sweet items, prepared with love by some of St. Thomas' best cooks, starting at 9:30am. At 10am, the livestream begins on the big screen, with a heartfelt testimony by Charles Hopkins, a participant who sought the partnership of Samaritan Ministry on his journey to dignity and self-

reliance. He will be joined by Karen Neal, a volunteer whose own life was transformed as a result of her volunteer work with Samaritan Ministry, and she'll share her story as well. You will be given an opportunity to join the team as a financial contributor and/or as a volunteer. We promise an uplifting morning!

Please join Linda Hollingsworth, Benny Young, Dan Costello and Carol Coonrod on March 19th. For more information and to sign up for the event, please go to [bit.ly/NSB22](https://bit.ly/NSB22).

### **Take Action with WIN on March 20, 2022**



On **March 20, 2022, at 3 pm**, WIN is planning a 1,500-2000 person public action zoom call with the Mayoral Candidates, Council Chairs, and other elected officials. Members of WIN stand together to advance the WIN local campaigns: affordable housing and Black equity/wealth-building through homeownership, good jobs, public safety, public housing, racial equity in climate policy, and more.

St. Thomas' is a member of the WIN and has pledged to have at least 30 parishioners attend the public action event on March 20, 2022. This is a great opportunity to promote social justice through policy changes potentially offering transformation that is both effective and sustained.

*Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is a non-partisan network of faith institutions, non-profits, unions, and neighborhood leaders across all eight wards of DC. It organizes to lift the voices and priorities of District residents for economic justice and racial equity. For the*

*upcoming election season, WIN is engaging and challenging all candidates to hear, endorse and act on the WIN agenda.*

Please sign up for the March Action here: [bit.ly/Marchsignup](https://bit.ly/Marchsignup). A zoom link will be shared with everyone who signs up before the action.

Questions? Contact Herschel Wade at [hwade@vts.edu](mailto:hwade@vts.edu)

### **Lenten Retreat: Saturday March 26, 9.30 am to 2.00 pm**

#### **Naming the Gift, for Being a Godsend**

Join us for a time of quiet reflection and prayer to help us identify the particular gift each one of us has for sharing in Christ's ongoing mission in the world as a member of his Body. There will be several short talks and generous interludes for meditation. A simple lunch will be served and our time together will culminate in a brief service to express our renewed self-offering to God.

Leader: Fr Martin L. Smith is well known in the Episcopal Church and beyond for his roving ministry of spiritual formation as a retreat leader, preacher, teacher, and as the author of widely read books exploring contemporary spirituality, including *A Season for the Spirit*, *The Word is Very Near You*, *Reconciliation*, *Love Set Free*, *Compass and Stars*. St Thomas' was his first spiritual home on moving to Washington in 2002

### **Working with Our Upstairs Neighbors at Capital Clubhouse**

Here are three different ways you can volunteer, just one time or more often:

- Are you an IT expert? You can help their keep their computer equipment functioning well.
- Do you like to cook? Work with others to cook food for their monthly Employment Dinners that are held monthly right here at the church.
- Are you good at organizing? They need one or two volunteers to help them organize their space.

For more information, contact Deacon Linda by email: [lmahler@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lmahler@stthomasdc.org) or by phone: 202-384-9643.

### **Capital Clubhouse seeks New Board Members**

The Clubhouse seeks to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community. We are seeking two new members to serve on our Board of Directors who wish to have a deeper level of engagement with social justice for mental health, by supporting a highly effective model of peer-based support. Visit our website: [www.capitalclubhouseinc.org](http://www.capitalclubhouseinc.org) or call Maria Núñez at (202) 308-9690 to find out about different ways you can help or to schedule a visit.

### **Warm Winter Socks Still Needed During the Cold Weather**

Thanks to your generosity, the socks you have donated have helped many people stay warmer this winter. Please keep that generosity going for a few more weeks of the cold weather. Parishioner Al Llanos is still in touch with people who need warm winter socks. Bring new size 6-12 winter socks to St. Thomas' so he can distribute them to those who need them.

### **Clothing and Toy Collection for Afghan Refugees:**

St. Thomas' Parish is responding to Afghan refugee needs in the DMV by providing much-needed items for people resettling in our area. The Parish has ample space to use as a central repository for collecting and packing all donations. So please be generous! For more information, contact David Swanson at [dswansondc@gmail.com](mailto:dswansondc@gmail.com) To volunteer, go to <http://tinyurl.com/signup3rdfloorsorting>



Drop Off Donations at church on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 pm or on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 pm.

New list of most needed items:

- \* Household items: vacuums, new shower curtains and shower hooks,
- \* New cookware: pots/pans, pressure cookers and instant pots, Dutch ovens/baking dishes, teapots/electric kettles, teacups, cooking and kitchen utensils, and flatware
- \* New bed sheets and pillows
- \*Baby items: strollers, car seats (not expired), diaper bags, bassinets, cribs (dismantled for transport)

*Our own David Swanson picking up items for women refugees from a local non-profit called I Support the Girls. Click this link to learn more: <https://isupportthegirls.org/>*

### **Tee-Shirt Contest**

Do you have a great idea for St. Thomas' next tee-shirt?

Submit your slogan or graphics or ideas to <https://forms.gle/zPG2SrDYJTURPyu9A>. Parishioners will be able to vote the best idea. We will make the new tee-shirt available for purchase in the summer.

## Celebrating Our February Birthdays

Jasper Knight Champion (February 1)  
David Kucharski (February 9)  
Bettina Hager (February 11)  
Joan Shapiro (February 12)  
Jean Holman (February 13)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org).*

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### Parish Prayer List

John Bisco  
Peggyann Cohen  
Kevin Costigan  
Craig Evertt  
Carol Goldman  
Pam Greer  
Susan Hannan  
Jan Harrison

Betsy Hollingsworth  
James & Esther Insinga  
Kristin Jones  
Mike Knapp  
Dave Kucharski  
Hugo Llanos  
Joe Rivas  
Rich Manhardt  
Jane Saari

Harvey Shapiro  
Joan Shapiro  
Mary Jane Smith  
Harvey Snyder  
Chris Spangler  
George Tatterson  
Chester Thompson

*You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org)*



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*"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."*

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Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden  
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden  
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer  
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Noel Miller, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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