



ST. THOMAS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:
January 15, 2023 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO

If you must talk, whisper a prayer to God. Please turn off all cell phones.

PRELUDE

(8:00) Shall We Gather at the River?

(10:30) Draw the Circle Wide

Dale Wood
Gordon Light

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, round whom all creation turns,
Nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small,
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before,
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

(8:00) Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

(10:30) Here I am to Worship

Hymn 510
Alleluia III 60

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(8:00) Glory to God

Hymn S-278

(10:30) Spirit of the Living God

Alleluia III 152

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
 do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
 saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
 their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in
 Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every
 kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not
 lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
 strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God
 is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

(10:30) Alleluia He is Coming

Alleluia III 7

THE GOSPEL John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the
 sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
 because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this
 reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from
 heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me
 to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one
 who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son
 of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk
 by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and
 they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you

looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Donovan Cain, Rector

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Glenda, our Bishop, and Brian, our Assisting Bishop; Donavan, our rector, Ranie and Jeannie, our clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

We pray for Joe our President, Kay our Governor, and Tommy our Mayor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We give thanks for the birthdays of Peter Jones, Laurel Davis, Coralie Knickelbein, Macy Seibert, Holly Reid, Madeline Szcpanki, David Hattaway, Bruce Reynolds, Emily DeGraaf, Betsy Gant, Sarah Johns, Jerry Poplin, Sam Elliott, and John Carrier.

And we pray for our Colonia Episcopal Students Ligia, Kensity, Wilson, Maycol, Eric M., Seylin, Jennifer, Jeimy, Josselin, Marcos, Jefferson, Jeison, Erick S., Anthony, Kimberlyn, Saira, Alex, Escarleth, Erlin, and Anderson.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for Harvey Adams, Cindy & Tom Atkins, Nancy Dudney Clayton, Darlene Davis, Maureen Drost, Mary Gant, Lydia Goebel, Kathy Heim, Diane Hutson, Ann Knowles, Pamela Lloyd, Gretchen Mauldin, Jack Mayo, Larry Meyer, Linda Mixon, Lip Moy, Dan Seaman, Jean & Jack Simon, Kee, Tina & McKee Sloan, Brenda Smith, Susan Smith, Al Stokes, Kay Strobel, Elizabeth Tagg, and Jane Williams, and for those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Helen Geis, John Scott, and Mary Nell Sloan that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sins

BCP 360

Deacon 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory

(10:30) From the Squalor (Immanuel)

Stuart Townend

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's birth,
To the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven, shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God to come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit, Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me, Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free - Death defeated by Immanuel!
Now He's standing in the place of honor, Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds, Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, Giving glory to Immanuel!

Presentation Hymn

(8:00) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

vs 3 of Hymn 380

(10:30) Give Thanks

Alleluia III 44

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

(8:00) Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn S-128

(10:30)

Alleluia III 230

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Lord we sing Your praise. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Lord we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord we sing Your praise. Lord we sing Your praise. Lord we sing Your praise.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

BCP 368

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, St. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(8:00) Christ our Passover

(10:30) Jesus Lamb of God

Hymn S-155

Marty Haugen

Jesus, Lamb of God; You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Life; You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Prince of Peace; You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God; You take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in The Episcopal Church. If you do not wish to receive, cross your arms upon your chest and the clergy will provide a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMNS

(10:30) Eat this Bread	Alleluia III 201
Seek Ye First	Alleluia III 139
I Am the Bread of Life	Alleluia III 69

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION

(8:00) Come, pure hearts, in joyful measure	Hymn 244
(10:30) Lord of the Dance	Alleluia III 111

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Little Prelude in G Major	JS Bach
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Worship Teams for January 15, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Donovan Cain, Rector
Associate Priest	The Rev. Ranie Neislar, Associate Priest
Deacon	The Rev. Jeannie Randall, Deacon
Organist	Melanie Payne
Choir Director	Kathy Heim

8 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Alexander Steel
Lector	Garry Griffith
Ushers	Garry Griffith, Pat Stueck
Greeters	Susan Pearson, Diane Wick

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister	Robert Harwell
Acolytes	Fisher Dippolito, Gideon Crews, Bliss Crews, Lucky Crews
Lectors	Susy Thurber, Bob Thurber
Ushers	David Hattaway, Todd Jurhs
Greeters	Ruth Erwin, Evie Wilson
Vestry on Duty	George Harriman, John Hanson
Flower Guild	Barbie Harwell, Kathie Clayton
Altar Guild	Pat & Al Johnson, Penny Nielsen, Barbara Meyer
Breakfast	Pick-up Information Hall
Refreshments	None

Immediately following the 10:30 service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception welcoming Father Donavan, Audrey, and Aoife.

2023 Vestry Members

George Harriman, Senior Warden Ted Evans, Junior Warden
Mike Bestor, Linda Lou Hardison, Elysa Jones, Scott Moore
John Hanson, Donna Palumbo
Grace Casey, Kathie Clayton, David Hattaway, Richard Williams
Vestry Clerk Bob Thurber, Parish Treasurer

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The Week at-a-Glance

Sunday, Jan 15	
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave Nursery Available Pick-up Breakfast, Information Hall
9:30 AM	Adult Formation Class with Donavan
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave Nursery Available
Immediately following	Welcome Reception for The Cains, Parish Hall
Tuesday, Jan 17	
10:00 AM	Grief Group, Parlor
Wednesday, Jan 18	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Rm 1
1:00 PM	Caregivers Group, Crossroads Rm
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, Jan 12	
10:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room

Please join us after the 10:30 service today for a reception to welcome Donovan, Audrey and Aoife. Let's show them how glad we are to have them join our St. Thomas family. Also please thank the committee who put it all together—Kathy Branick, Kelly Evans, Debbie Harriman, and Martha Wilson.

Today marks the beginning of **Donovan's first Adult Formation Class.** Each Sunday, at 9:30 am through Feb. 5th, Donovan will be discussing the varied & different roads we can encounter in our spiritual journey of faith. This is a great way to get to know our new rector and share your personal faith journey. Today's class will be held in the Nave but next Sunday it will move to the Parish Hall.

The **Grief Group** will begin meeting again on **January 17**, at 10 AM. We'll also meet in February on the 14th and 28th at 10 AM.

The **Caregivers Group** will meet on **January 18**, at 1 PM. They will be in the Crossroads Room and meet every other Wednesday.

Everybody's Pub Theology will be held **Monday, Jan. 23**, from 6-7:30 PM inside at Mellow Mushroom. Text Jeannie and let her know you plan on joining us at 256-3548-9918 or email Ranie at associate@stthomashuntsville.org.

An all new "**Children's Message**" is coming to the 10:30 Worship Service on **January 22.** Just before the sermon, Fr. Donovan will introduce a 5 minute "Children's Message" to the children. After the message, music will begin as the children follow Laura Beth to Children's Chapel in the Parlor. So be sure to bring your children to take part with Fr. Donovan for this new and exciting way to highlight them and include them in our Sunday worship!

BLOOD DRIVE set for **Sunday, Feb. 12.** Save a life or three before the Super Bowl Game!

BBQ Bandits will be firing up the smoker for the Super Bowl event, **Feb. 12.** Their website is available for online orders (<https://st-thomas-bbq-bandits.square.site>) or you can email them at stthomasbbq@gmail.com

Treble Choir rehearsals resume on **Jan. 22**, at **3:30.** All children aged 4K and older are welcome to come sing with this choir. At every rehearsal we have a snack and playground time until 4:15. Then the Major Trebles (grade 2 +) return to the choir room for an additional 30 minutes of rehearsal. Email Kathy with any questions at music@stthomashuntsville.org.

EPISTLE and Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at noon.