ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It is the custom in the Episcopal Church to present ourselves to our Lord in silence before the service begins. Please silence your cell phones. In your pew, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 1, 2026 8:00 and 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession
Blest are the pure in heart **Hymn 656**

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis* *said at 8:00* **BCP 356**
sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-280**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 357**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading **Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *said in unison at 8:00; sung together at 10:30*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your `tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy` hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is `right,
who speaks the truth from his `heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his `friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his `neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is re`jected,
but he honors those who fear the `LORD.
5 He has sworn to do no `wrong
and does not take back his `word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of `gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the `innocent.
7 Whoever does these `things
shall never be over`thrown.

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *10:30 only*

What does the Lord require **Hymn 605**

The Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Children's Moment *10:30 only* **Hymn 405**

Children may come forward to the step in front of the altar as we sing the refrain & verse 1 of "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

The Sermon **The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas**

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People – Form III *See page 7 for those prayed for today* **BCP 387**

The Confession of Sin **BCP 360**

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory

Nunc dimittis **Gerald Near**

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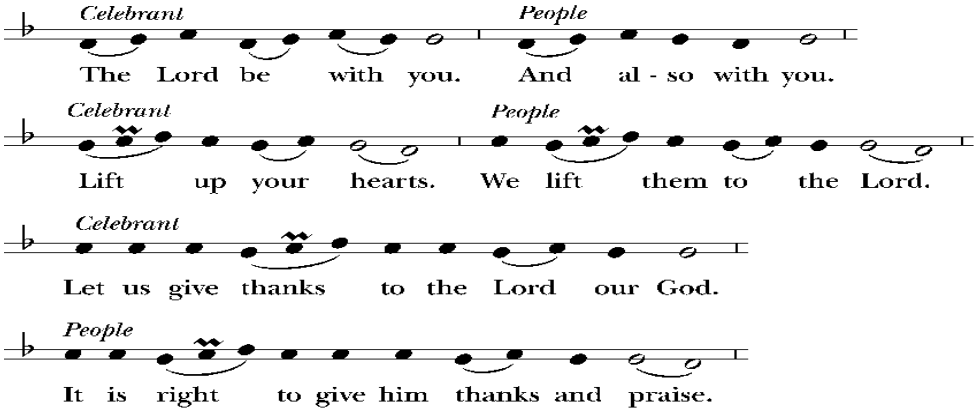
Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are an investment in our ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally, you are welcome to use the QR code here. Many who give to the ministries of St. Thomas choose to set up a recurring gift (a "pledge"). To pledge, email our office at finance@stthomashuntsville.org.

Please stand

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow **vs. 3, Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B *said at 8:00, sung at 10:30* **BCP 367**



Celebrant prays, concluding with

…who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *said at 8:00* **BCP 367**

sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-125**

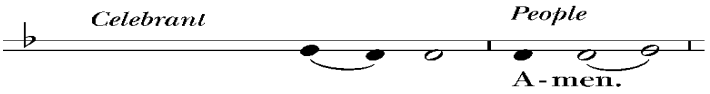
The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with

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 the prayer, concluding with

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.



The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover* *said at 8:00* **BCP 364**
sung at 10:30 **Hymn S-155**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When an usher comes to your pew, all are invited to approach the altar for communion or a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. For gluten-free bread, clasp your hands together.

Communion Hymn *10:30 only*
Remember your servants, Lord **Hymn 560**

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession
In the Cross of Christ I glory **Hymn 441**

Dismissal

Postlude

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
in thanksgiving for the 1st birthday of Evelyn Amanda Steel
by Alexander and Frances Steel,
and in loving memory of John Krasts
by George and Elga Krasts.

Those celebrating birthdays in the week ahead. Zane Starnes, Darwin Ramsey, Ashley Jones, Robyn Price, Olivia Price, Grace Casey, Julie Williams, Penelope Reid, Sam Perna, and Jillian Casey.

Keep the following people in your prayers this week: Harvey Adams, Sally Barnett, Mary Bestor, Tut Clements, Jacqueline Diot, Charlie Erwin, Sharon Griffin, Barbara Hauler, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Pat Johnson, Jennifer Jonas, Ann Knowles, Pam Lloyd, Dannah McCauley, Julia and Jack Mayo, Russell Mays, Ryan Milton, Penny Nielsen, Norma Oberlies, Gloria Roth, Dan Seaman, Jean and Jack Simon, Kee Sloan, Al Stokes, Joyce Tomlin, Sally Upchurch, Annie Wells, Zach Wheat, and Jane Williams.

Worship Team for February 1, 2026

Celebrant	The Rev. Donavan Cain	
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas	
Deacon	The Rev. Dave Drachlis	
Director of Music	Katherine Heim	
Organist	Sam Wright	
	8:00 Holy Eucharist	**10:30 Holy Eucharist**
Acolytes (10:30 only)	Olivia Price, Dean Falco, Emma Bestor, Landis Price	
Eucharistic Ministers	Elouisa Stokes, Mark Dixon	Steve Werner, Bob Hardison
Lectors	Al Johnson	Belinda Greenaway, David Hattaway
Ushers	Gil Vela, Brett Tomlin	Ted & Kelly Evans
Greeters	Gretchen & Thad Mauldin	Jenna Pirani, Lloyd Cook

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Ministers	Doris Boyer, Kristi Boyer
Lector	Jane Allgood

Teams also serving this week.

Vestry on Duty	Richard Williams, Peter Wilson
Altar Guild	Nancy Ward, Carey McIntyre
Flower Guild	Gayle Dodson, Ruth Erwin
Breakfast Team	Cursillo Even
Refreshments	Kurt Dietz and Ann Marie Batista

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Use your phone to fill out a visitor card and be added to our mailing list!

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, Feb 1, 2026	**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
Following Breakfast 9:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation – Bishop's Election Clergy Forum, Parish Hall Children's Formation, Hiers Hall Youth Formation, Hudson Hall
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
3:30 PM	Treble Choir, Choir Room
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
6:00 PM	Sunday Supper, Parish Hall EYC, Youth Room
Monday, Feb 2	
8:00 PM	Compline, Facebook Online
Tuesday, Feb 3	
6:00 PM	Education for Ministry, Conference Rm
Wednesday, Feb 4	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
11:00 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, Feb 5	**Diocesan Convention Begins**
7:00 AM	Morning Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer, Crossroads Room
Friday, Feb 6	**Diocesan Convention, Camp McDowell**
12:05 PM	Rosary, Nave

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 15th, the day of our Annual Parish Meeting. Special Mardi Gras lunch begins immediately after the 10:30 service.

<u>Consult the online EPISTLE for more details!</u>

OUR PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026

We pray for the ill or distressed, especially: **Ann** (J. Allgood's sister); **Luke, Sarah** (R. Callahan's brother and sister); **Martha, Betsy** (K. Clayton's aunt and friend); **Barb, Lena** (K. Collins' friend, granddaughter); **Jackie, Mark and children** (D. Domaracki's daughter, son-in-law, and children); **Barbara, Jim** (D. Domaracki's sister, brother-in-law); **Cathy, Kathryn** (D. Domaracki's nephew's wife, sister) **Margaret** (R. Erwin's friend); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Myra** (K. Evans & S. Kittle's family); **Rebecca & Max** (The Geis' friends); **Krystin** (K. Heim's friend and former parish secretary); **Buddy** (P. Heim's friend); **Kristin** (D. House's relative); **Joe** (Lila House's father); **Cagle and Hoffman Families, Angela** (J. Leon's friends); **Melissa** (T. & P. Lloyd's daughter); **Pamela & David** (Mauldin's friends); **Emily** (D. McCauley's niece); **Terry, Cleve** (B. Meyer's nephew, friend); **Leah** (J. Munroe's daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **David, Will** (W. Patterson's nephew and friend); **Taylor, Michael** (B. Pawluk's friend and brother); **Spencer, Jennifer, Stark, Minnette** (G. Perna's son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren); **Gary** (T. Perry's brother-in-law);**Theresa Brooks' father, Ken** (friends of R. Ross); **Laura Leigh** (B. Smith's daughter); **Alan,** (S. Smith's son); **Ann, Greta & family** (F. Steel's mother and friend); **Susie** (A. Steel's sister); **Nathan** (B. Stokes' friend) and **Eric** (P. Vaughn's son).

We pray for those who have died, especially **John** (G. Krasts' brother).

We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially: **Ben** Cathcart (E. Cathcart's husband); **Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Logan** Dodson (Dodson's grandson); **Kathryn & Juan** Muñera (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **Nick** Moultrie, **Parker** Byrd, **Chris** Garcia (J. Fletcher's friends); **Grover Lee** Wilson, **Teddy** Lovejoy, **Zane** Goodnite (S. Kittle's relatives); **Drexel** Martin (C. Knickelbein's cousin); **Jack** Gentry (J. McAlister's Great-Nephew); **Jackson** Mayo (Mayo's grandson); **Julia** Flores (D. McCauley's cousin); **Jace** (Reynolds' son) **Jaden** Smith ; **Kaiyah** Smith (I. Smith's son & daughter); and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).