

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



*Annunciation to Joseph, icon, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church*

**December 19, 2010  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

**WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,  
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU.**

### **Welcome Visitors!**

We invite you to join us in worship and hope you will discover some of the wonderful ways that God is working in this parish. The basic order of service can also be found in the red Book of Common Prayer while the hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. (Service music numbers preceded by "S-" are found in the front section of the Hymnal.) We also invite you to complete a Welcome Card located in the chairs.

**The Holy Eucharist:** (Greek, "Giving of Thanks") is the principal act of Christian worship on Sundays and other major Feasts. It has its roots in the Passover meal shared by Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem before the crucifixion and it reminds us of another meal shared by Jesus and his disciples at Emmaus after the resurrection. It is a way in which our community symbolically participates in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

### **The Lectionary:**

The Revised Common Lectionary is a cycle of readings assigned for every Sunday and major holy day throughout the liturgical year. The ministry of reading lessons at the Eucharist (except for the Proclamation of the Gospel) is normally the responsibility of lay persons.

**The First Lesson** comes from the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, written before the birth of Christ. In the Hebrew Scriptures we hear how God has spoken and worked through the people of God for thousands of years.

# The Holy Eucharist

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*Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.  
Please observe prayerful silence before worship.*

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## **Prelude**

*Versos del 8° tono de Magnificat*

*Antonio de Cabezón*

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The altar party enters to the ringing of handbells.*

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

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

*People* ***And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **Collect for Purity**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

## **Kyrie**

Hymnal S-86

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

# The Word of God

## **First Lesson**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

✠ *After the reading, the Reader says,*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

Plainsong, Tone 4.4

✠ Sung by all.



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your / strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O / God of **hosts**, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the / **prayers** of your people?
- 5 You have fed them / with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision / of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies / laugh us to **scorn**.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the one / of your right hand, \*  
those whom you have made so / **strong** for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a- / way from **you**; \*  
give us life, that we / may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O / God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

**The Psalm** is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

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

*People*

**The Second Lesson** is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or Letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

✦ *All stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Hymnal 66

vv. 1, 2 before the Gospel, v. 3 after

The **Gospel**, proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest, contains the stories and sayings of Jesus. Whereas other lessons at the Eucharist are read, the Gospel is proclaimed (or announced), both to those present and to the world. Those of us who are present stand and face the Gospel book as a gesture of reverence and love for the risen Christ. To symbolize that the Gospel belongs also to the world, the Gospel book is brought into the church in the entrance procession.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

✦ *The Celebrant says,*

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

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ *Afterwards, the Celebrant says,*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

Mr. Matt Cloninger

✦ *A brief silence is observed.*

## The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

In the **Nicene Creed** we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "**believe**" (in Latin *credere*, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our hearts as token of our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "**We**" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual.

## Advent Prayers of the People

*Nancy Lee Jose*

From broken dreams we awake to the coming of God's promise,

*Embrace us, good Lord;*

From the gravity of each moment we open our hearts to encounter the living God,

*Strengthen us, blessed Jesus;*

From the desert to the manger we wait with awe,

*Temper our impatience, sister Mary;*

From death to life we reach towards the eternal hope,

*Like our brother Joseph;*

Let us journey in longing for you, our love divine this Advent,

*Come Holy Spirit come;*

Silently or aloud let us proclaim our thanksgivings and/or humbly ask for your help, ending each petition with 'Hear us loving God';

Let us reclaim you once again at the center of who we are,

*Amen*

✦ *The Celebrant concludes with a Collect*

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Absolution

The Peace

### *Invitation to Healing*

*The Healing Rite is offered today during the Eucharist, and on the third Sunday of every month. You are invited to receive healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone else at the side altar. A healing minister from the Pastoral Care Team will offer prayers and the laying on of hands serving as a vehicle for God's healing power and love.*

## The Holy Communion

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*We invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive communion take the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine but would like a blessing please come forward and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.*

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Offertory Motet

*Gaude Maria virgo*

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

Rejoice, Virgin Mary: you alone in the entire universe were chosen to bear the child of God. Alleluia.

Presentation Hymn

*How bright appears the Morning Star*

Hymnal 497

**The Peace** has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the apostles and is an expression of reconciliation with our neighbor. As understood by its ancient position following the Prayers, the Peace is both a response to the Word of God and a preparation for Holy Communion.

**The Presentation** of bread, wine, music, money, and other gifts at the altar signifies our offering of all we are and have in response to God's offering of Christ for our sake.

During Advent we include the **censing of all gifts and the people** during the Presentation Hymn.

In the **Eucharistic Prayer**, the Celebrant offers up our prayer of thanks, summarizing God's work in creating, redeeming, and remaining with us as the Holy Spirit. We offer up not only bread and wine to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ but also ourselves, our souls and bodies, to receive these gifts so that we might be for the world the Body of Christ.

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Presider Congregation  
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider Congregation  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Congregation  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## Sanctus

*Plainsong, harmonized Maurice Duruflé*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The **Lord's Prayer** is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

*See insert*

## Fraction Anthem

*Anaphora chant*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on - us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on - us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world grant us peace.

✘ *Communion will be directed by the ushers.*

## Communion Anthem

*Ave Maria*

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

## Communion Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56

✠ *A time of silence is observed.*

✠ *All stand.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

## Blessing

**Blessing:** One of the specific ministries of priests is to declare God's blessing on God's people.

## Dismissal

✠ *After the dismissal, the altar party processes out to the ringing of handbells.*

**The Dismissal** is an important part of the Liturgy. To be dis-missed is to be sent forth to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Having been nourished in Word and Sacrament, we are newly equipped to carry out our baptismal responsibilities in the world.

*The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God by John Stanton in memory of and thanksgiving for his father, Frank Stanton.*



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We're a **community of Christians on a spiritual journey**. Our worship and *life together* provides a pathway towards a deeper understanding of the risen and transforming Christ. Through joyful singing, engaging preaching, prayer and silence, we come together to share in **one bread, one body**.

**A place to find and be found by God.**

*The People of St. Thomas'*

**Vestry**

*John Johnson, Senior Warden (2013); Matt Cloninger, Junior Warden (2012)*  
*Aaron Adkins (2013), Clinton Anderson (2012),*  
*Mary Hager (2011), Jean Holman (2012), Kristin Jones (2013),*  
*Ivan Santos-Sansfaute (2013), Dave Swanson (2013), Joe Zuniga (2011)*

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