

# Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



December 23, 2007  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

# The Holy Eucharist

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## The Word of God

Prelude

*Ave maris stella I, II*

Marcel Dupré

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The ministers process in silence.*

### Advent Wreath Prayer: Week 4

Celebrant: Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by remembering all of the children who are born to us somewhere in the world every day who suffer from poverty and hunger, who are our brothers and sisters, who are the least among us, whom Jesus taught us to love.

✠ *As the first (blue) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope*

*Is to believe that history remains open to the dream of God.*

✠ *As the second (blue) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope*

*Is to dream a different world,*

*Without hunger, without injustice, without discrimination.*

✠ *As the third (rose) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope*

*Is to be a courier of God*

*And a courier of men and women of good will,*

*Tearing down walls, building bridges.*

✠ *As the fourth (blue) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope*

*Is to leave the door open so that*

*The Spirit can enter and make all things anew.*

*Help us to be a light of hope and stand with those who are hopeless, to lift their voices and eyes to you, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison

McNeil Robinson

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features three phrases: the first is marked 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e - le-i- son.\_\_\_\_'; the second is marked 'All' and contains 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e - le-i- son.\_\_\_\_'; the third is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Chri - ste\_\_\_ e -'. The second staff continues with 'le - i- son.\_\_\_\_' (under the first 'e - le-i- son.\_\_\_\_'), 'Chri - ste\_\_\_ e - le - i- son.\_\_\_\_' (under the second 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e -'), and 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e -'. The third staff begins with 'le - i- son.\_\_\_\_' (under the second 'le - i- son.\_\_\_\_') and 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e - le - i- son.\_\_\_\_' (under the third 'Ky - ri - e\_\_\_ e -'). The score concludes with a double bar line.

## 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.

✠ *All are seated*

**First Lesson**

*Isaiah 7:10-17*

✕ Sung by all

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*Qui regis Israel*

Plainsong, Tone 5



1

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned u-/pon the cherubim.

2

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-/nasseh, \*  
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 at your / right hand, \*  
those whom you have made so strong / for your-**self**.

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**.

## Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

✠ All stand

✠ A Cantor sings the Alleluia, all respond. The Cantor sings a verse, all sing alleluia.

### Alleluia / Verse



## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

✠ All stand

### The Nicene Creed

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### Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

## Dedication of The Rev. Raymond H. Clark Memorial Plaque for the Labyrinth

✠ *The Celebrant says*

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through the Holy Spirit and for God and all of creation.

*Leader:* The Word became flesh:

*People: And dwelt among us.*

✠ *The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen:

✠ *The Leader says*

Accept, we pray, the gift of this memorial plaque; and grant that as we look upon it, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen on by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ *The Celebrant says*

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through the Holy Spirit and for God and all of creation. ***Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

✠ *a period of silence will be kept*

***God of all mercy,***

***We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.***

***We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.***

***We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.***

***Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

## Absolution

✠ *the Celebrant says,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

## The Peace

✠ *All are seated*

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

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*St. Thomas' invites all to share in the gifts of bread and wine from God's Holy Table.  
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

*Tota pulchra es*

*Maurice Duruflé*

You are all beauty Mary and original sin is not in you. Your clothing is as pure as snow and your face shines as the sun. You are the glory of Jerusalem and the delight of Israel. You are worthy of the respect of our people.

✠ *All stand*

## Presentation Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*Hymnal 56*

## Eucharistic Prayer II

## Enriching Our Worship

**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 our thanks and praise.*

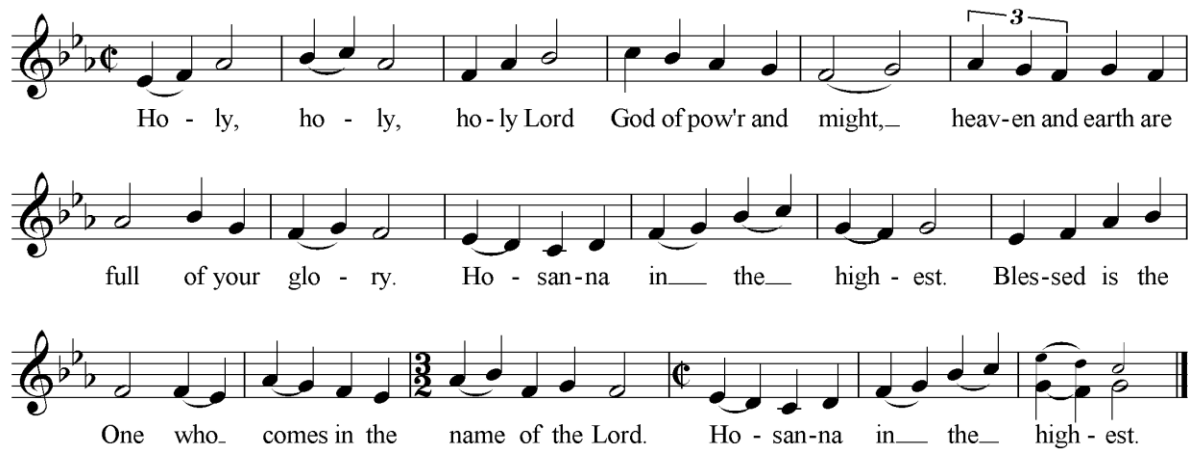
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for 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:

♣ *Sung by all*

## Sanctus and Benedictus *Sine nomine*

Timothy Hagy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en 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.

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 a 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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 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*

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 for ever. Amen.*

☩ *Sung by all*

### Fraction Anthem

*Agnus Dei*

*Plainsong, Mode IV*

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem, consisting of two staves of plainsong in Mode IV. The first staff has the lyrics: "Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us." The second staff has the lyrics: "Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The notation is a simple line with notes and rests, typical of plainsong.

### Communion Motet

*Maria, Mater gratiae*

*Gabriel Fauré*

Mary, mother of grace, sweet parent of clemency. In the hour of death Jesus sustain us. To you be glory, who born of the Virgin, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

☩ *Sung by all*

### Wait for the Lord

Musical notation for the Communion Motet "Wait for the Lord" by Gabriel Fauré. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong take heart!"

✠ *All stand*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*

*Hymnal 438*

**Dismissal**

**Celebrant** *Go in peace to love and serve the lord.*

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

✠ *All are seated*

**Postlude**

*Ave maris stella III*

*Marcel Dupré*

*Today's altar flowers are given by Grace Crane in memory of Earl Crane.*





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