

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish  
Washington, DC



*Nativity, Dawn Eggenberger*

December 26 2010  
First Sunday after Christmas  
11:00 a.m.

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

# The Holy Eucharist

*This inclusive language service is adapted from Enriching Our Worship I and the Saint Helena Breviary*

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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

*Noël sur les flûtes*

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

✠ *A bell rings. All standing, the Celebrant says,*

Blessed are you, holy and living God.

*People*      *You come to your people and set them free.*

## Entrance Hymn

*Angels, from the realms of glory*

Hymnal 93

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. [John 1:14]

## A Hymn of Praise

*Timothy Hagy*

*From the Saint Helena Breviary, Hymn at Matins  
Adapted from Julian of Norwich*

You O Christ are the One: the wisdom and kindness of motherhood. You, O Christ are the One: the light and grace of all blessed love; you are Trinity; you are Unity. You, O Christ, are the One: the high sovereign goodness of all manner of things. You are the One who makes us to love; you are the One who makes us to long. You, O Christ, are the One: endless fulfilling of all our true desires. Amen

*Elaine Donnelly, soprano*

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

The Lord be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 61:10-62:3

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 147:13-21

*Laudate Dominum*

*Simplified Anglican Chant*

✠ Sung by all.



- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our / God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with / praise!
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je- / rusalem; \*  
praise your God, O / Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your / gates; \*  
he has blessed your children with- / in you.
- 15 He has established peace on your / borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest / wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the / earth, \*  
and his word runs very / swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like / wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like / ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his / cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and / melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters / flow.

## Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

✠ All stand. Sing three times.

### Alleluia



### The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

✠ The Celebrant says,

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        *All glory to you, Jesus Christ.*

✠ Afterwards, the Celebrant says,

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*        *All praise to you, Jesus Christ.*

### Carol Sing

*God rest you merry gentlemen*

Hymnal 105

*Good Christian friends rejoice*

Hymnal 107

*What child is this*

Hymnal 115

*Away in a manger*

Hymnal 101

✠ A brief silence is observed.

### The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

### Prayers of the People

Gracious God, thank you this Christmas for caring for all of humanity in their various circumstances; for caring for the whole earth and that dwell therein.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For all the people in our lives, for those who love us, those who inform us, and those who inspire us.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For all those like Mary, who in spite of their fear, yield to your will and your way.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For those like Joseph, who know the meaning of loyalty, honor, and commitment to one another.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For the innkeepers of this world, and all those who are hospitable and seek to help those without food, shelter, or employment and those who despair for their future.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For the shepherds of this world, who tend to their vocations and occupations on this earth, but also hear the voice of heaven and respond.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For the angels, especially the ones we know, who are “good news” in our lives, and point to the deep goodness of God.

*Thank you, Loving God.*

For the children of this world, for their health and good learning. May they delight in life, have hope in the future, and come to know you and serve you.

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

For the poor, dear Lord. For those in poor health and those whose situations are desperate in so many ways; even for those who have a poor image of you and your beckoning call.

*Hear us, Good Lord.*

Gracious God, most of all we are thankful that you are in this life and here to stay. We are thankful that you are present to us in so many ways. Cheer us on, that your life may be born in us, live in us, and reach fulfillment in us, even unto the Cross and the life to come.

*For the blessing of life and the wonderful purpose you give to it, we thank you, Gracious God.*

✠ *The Celebrant concludes with a Collect*

**The Peace**

# 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

*Desseins Eternels (La Nativité)*

Olivier Messiaen

Presentation Hymn

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymnal 324

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 and Benedictus

Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Lord's Prayer

See insert

## Fraction Anthem

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover*

*Plainsong, Tone VII*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pas - so - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us.

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

✘ *Communion will be directed by the ushers.*

✘ *A time of silence is observed.*

✘ *All stand*

## Post Communion Prayer

✘ *Celebrant and People*

*Most loving God, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your servant, our friend and our brother. Amen.*

## Blessing

## Processional Hymn

*Joy to the World*

Hymnal 100

## Dismissal

## Postlude

*Les Bergers*

*Olivier Messiaen*



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*Mary Hager (2011), Jean Holman (2012), Kristin Jones (2013),*  
*Ivan Santos-Sansfaute (2013), Dave Swanson (2013), Joe Zuniga (2011)*

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