

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



Nativity by He Qi

December 24, 2009
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
5:00 p.m.

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

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. Bells ring as the ministers process to the altar.*

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

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

Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 89

It came upon a midnight clear

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Hymn 79

O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Hymn 83

O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

A Godly Play Experience – Congregation Participation

Sarah Stewart

Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Peace

✠ *All are seated*

Announcements

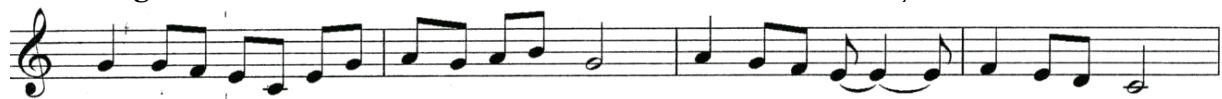
The Holy Communion

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.

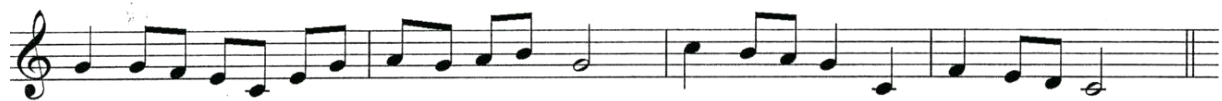
Gathering Anthem

Come to the Table

Geralyn Wolf / Sam Batt Owens



Come to the ta-ble of the sup-per of the Lamb, sin - ner and saint ___ rich and_ poor,
em - pty and fal len, ___ wise and_ sure,
come to the ta-ble of joy and de- light,



Come to the ta-ble of the sup-per of the Lamb, Come to the ta - ble one in ___Christ.

SANCTUS

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of you glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

People 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.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

✠ Communion will be served from two stations at either side of the altar. Please approach the ministers to receive.

✠ *All stand and sing*

Hymn 100

Joy to the world!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please refer to the Special Flower Insert for the Christmas Memorials and Honorariums.



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A place to find and be found by God.

The People of St. Thomas'

Vestry

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 Brad Latham, Kristin Queen Shaffer, Sarah Stewart*

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