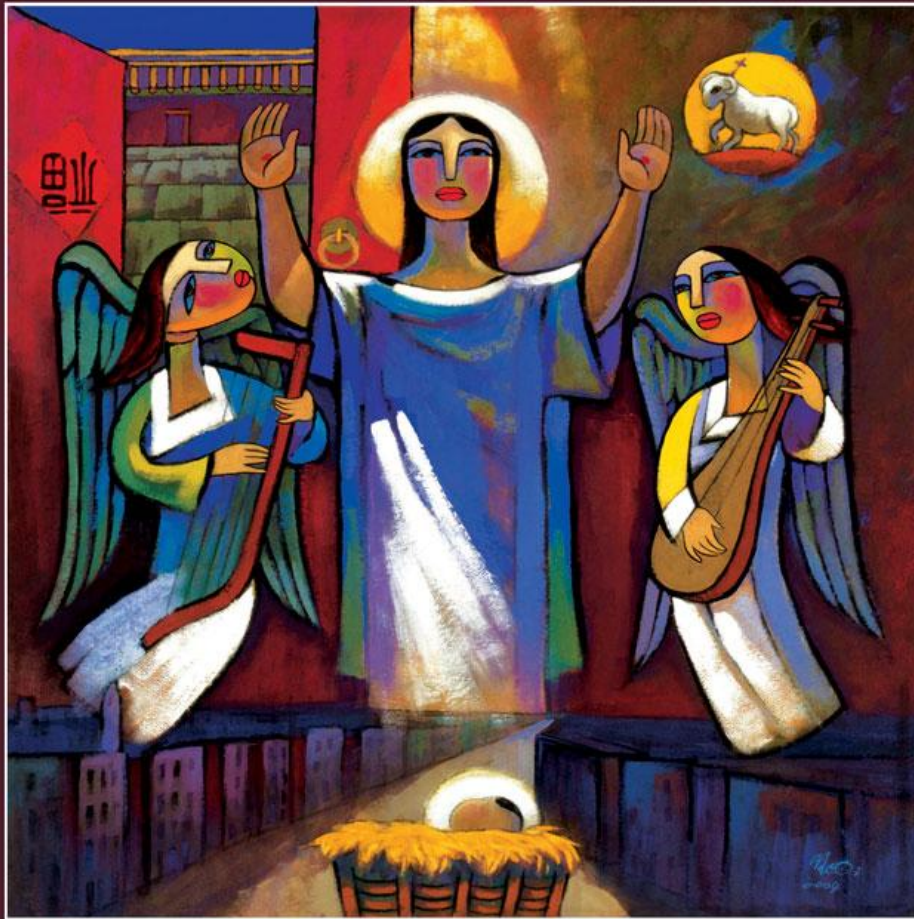


Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



Messiah by He Qi

December 28, 2008
The First Sunday after Christmas Day
11:00 a.m.

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

The Holy Eucharist

PLEASE OBSERVE PRAYERFUL SILENCE BEFORE WORSHIP

Prelude

Noël sur les flûtes

Louis Claude Daquin

✠ *All stand as the ministers process.*

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

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

Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93

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.**

✠ *All are seated*

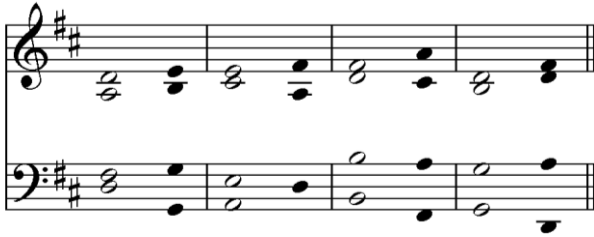
First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

☒ *Sung by all*

Gradual Psalm 147

Laudate Dominum



13

Jerusalem will worship you, O / God; *
and Zion will praise your / name.

14

For you have strengthened the bars of your / gates; *
and have blessed our children with-/ in us.

15

You have established peace on your / borders; *
and satisfied us with the finest / wheat.

16

You send out your command to the / earth, *
and your word runs very / swiftly.

17

You give snow like / wool; *
and scatter hoarfrost like / ashes.

18

You scatter your hail like / bread crumbs; *
who can stand against your / cold?

Second Lesson

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

☒ *All stand*

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

Alleluia / Verse



☒ *All stand*

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Homily

The Rev. John F. Dwyer

Prayers of the People

Form III

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The Peace

The Holy Communion

*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.*

Offertory Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324

✠ *All stand*

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, ever present God, source of life abundant.

People Why do we give God thanks and praise?

Celebrant From before time God made ready the creation. God's Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

People Then why do we sometimes feel so lonely?

Celebrant God, you made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away.

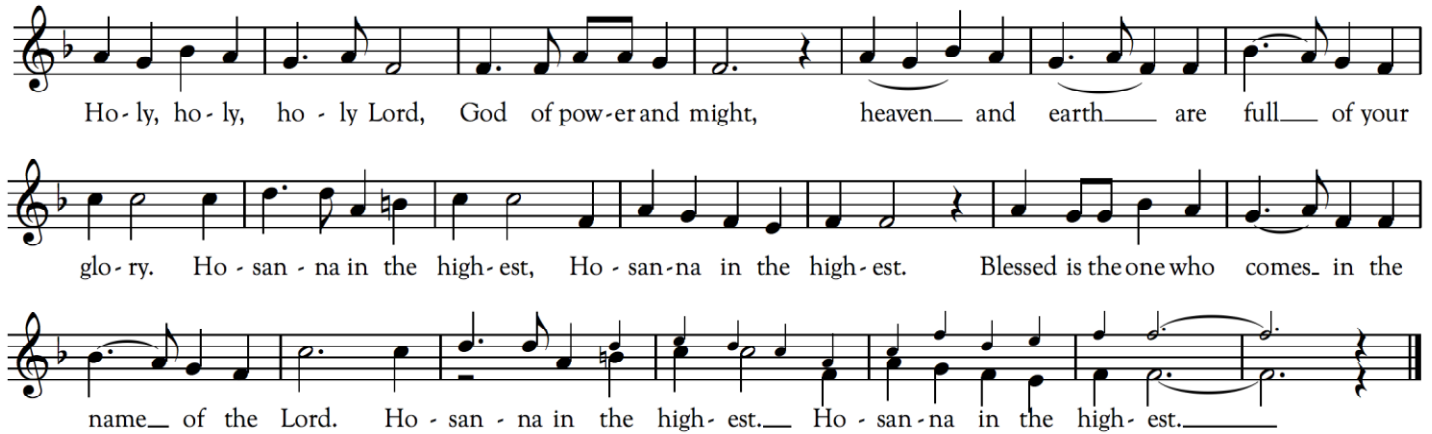
People Is there any hope?

Celebrant A voice rings out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord," and our hearts are filled with hope. Time and again you call 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 reigns through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

☒ *Sung by all*

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.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. As a sign of new hope and expectation, 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.

People *Is it today we celebrate Jesus?*

Celebrant Today and every day. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with the lonely and broken hearted, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the whole 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay hands upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

People *Why do we eat this bread?*

Celebrant On that holy night, so long ago, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat: this holy food is given for you. Eat this meal whenever you gather in friendship to remember me."

People *Why do we drink this wine?*

Celebrant As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink this all of you. This holy drink is given for you and for all creation. Drink this whenever you gather to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they become for us today the holy food and drink that Jesus gave his friends so long ago. We ask that we who share this bread and wine may be filled with your Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

We pray that this holy food and drink will be for us your sign of hope, and bring us into everlasting fellowship with each other and bring peace to the world. With Isaiah and Mary and Joseph and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, may we praise your Name for ever and ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we give you honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

☒ *All stand*

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

Dismissal

✦ *Please be seated for the Postlude which concludes our service.*

Postlude

From heaven above to earth I come

J. S. Bach

The flowers on the altar today are given by Timothy Beacom in Thanksgiving for our spiritual family at St. Thomas'



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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

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