

# Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, D.C.



December 9, 2007  
The Second 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**      *Bicinium (Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Op. 8<sup>II</sup>)*

Hugo Distler

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

### **Advent Wreath Prayer: Week 2**

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 candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope is to believe that history remains open to the dream of God.*

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

*To have hope is to dream a different world, without hunger, without injustice, without discrimination.*

*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 God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

✠ *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.**





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He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-/ dure, \*  
from one generation / to another.

6

He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, \*  
like showers that wa-/ ter the **earth**.

7

In his time shall the righteous / flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall / be no **more**.

18

Blessed are you, O God of / Israel, \*  
you alone do / wondrous **deeds**!

19

And blessed is your glorious Name for / ever! \*  
May all the earth be filled with your glory. / Amen. Amen.

## Second Lesson

*Romans 15:4-13*

☒ *All stand*

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



## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1-12*

### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

☒ *All stand*

### The Nicene Creed

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### Prayers of the People

Form II

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### Confession of Sin

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## 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 Anthem      *A Spotless Rose*      *Herbert Howells*

A spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest Maid; For through our God's great love and might, The Blessed Babe she bare us In a cold, cold winter's night.

*-John Kefferstan, tenor*

✠ *All stand*

## Presentation Hymn      *Hymnal 59*      *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

## Eucharist Prayer A      *Book of Common Prayer, Page 361*

## Sanctus and Benedictus      *Sine nomine*      ✠ *sung by all*      *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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The second staff continues with 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is the'. The third staff concludes with 'One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the first staff.

## 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.*

## Fraction Anthem

*Agnus Dei*

☒ *sung by all*

*Plainsong, Mode IV*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## Communion Anthem

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*

*Hugo Distler*

*for text, see Hymn 81*

## Wait for the Lord

☒ *sung by all*

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

*Hymnal 76*

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

## Dismissal

☒ *All are seated*

## Postlude

*Fuge (Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme)*

*Hugo Distler*

*The postlude is dedicated to the memory of Professor Russell Saunders of the Eastman School of Music on the fifteenth anniversary of his passing.*

MUSIC NOTES: Russell Saunders was a distinguished Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music from 1967 until his unexpected death in December 1992. He was a master teacher noted for his musical approach to pedagogy. I was privileged to study the Distler Partita on *Wachet auf* with him, and it was included on my first DMA recital in July of 1983.

Hugo Distler was a brilliant composer whose rise to fame in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was cut short by the tragic political upheaval that spread throughout Germany with the advent of the Nazi party. He took his own life in Berlin in 1942. - TLH

|      *Today's altar flowers are given to glory of God by the People of St. Thomas' Parish.*  
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