

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



Candles, Russian Orthodox Church

February 6, 2011
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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

Welcome Visitors!

We invite you to join us in worship and hope you will discover some of the wonderful ways that God is working in this parish. The basic order of service can also be found in the red Book of Common Prayer while the hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. We also invite you to complete a Welcome Card located in the chairs.

The Holy Eucharist: (Greek, "Giving of Thanks") is the principal act of Christian worship on Sundays and other major Feasts. It has its roots in the Passover meal shared by Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem before the crucifixion and it reminds us of another meal shared by Jesus and his disciples at Emmaus after the resurrection. It is a way in which our community symbolically participates in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

The Lectionary:

The Revised Common Lectionary is a cycle of readings assigned for every Sunday and major holy day throughout the liturgical year. The ministry of reading lessons at the Eucharist (except for the Proclamation of the Gospel) is normally the responsibility of lay persons.

The Holy Eucharist

*Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.
Please observe prayerful silence before worship.*

Prelude *Cantilena* Josef Rheinberger

✠ *A bell rings, all stand.*

Entrance Hymn *Praise to the living God* Hymnal 372

✠ *The Celebrant says,*
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Prayer of Light Nancy Lee Jose

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

Let us pray.

As we light our Epiphany candle, let us bow our hearts and minds to you, O Christ, the one who is the radiant light that fills our world with love. ***Amen.***

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 58:1-12

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Beatus vir

Plainsong, Tone V

✠ Sung by all.



1

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear / God*
and have great delight in / the commandments!

2

Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; *
the generation of the / upright will be blessed.

3

Wealth and riches will be in their / house, *
and their righteousness will / last for ever.

4

Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full / of compassion.

5

It is good for them to be generous in / lending *
and to manage their af- / fairs with justice.

6

For they will never be / shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlas- / ting remembrance.

7

They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors; *
their heart is right; they / put their trust in God.

8

Their heart is established and will not / shrink, *
until they see their desire u- / pon their enemies.

9

They have given freely to the / poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their / head with honor.

The First Lesson comes from the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, written before the birth of Christ. In the Hebrew Scriptures we hear how God has spoken and worked through the people of God for thousands of years.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

The **Second Lesson** is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or Letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

✠ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ All stand.

Alleluia / Verse

Ojibway Nation Alleluia

✠ The Cantor sings the Alleluia, the congregation repeats. The Cantor sings a verse and the congregation sings the Alleluia.



The **Gospel**, proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest, contains the stories and sayings of Jesus. Whereas other lessons at the Eucharist are read, the Gospel is proclaimed (or announced), both to those present and to the world. Those of us who are present stand and face the Gospel book as a gesture of reverence and love for the risen Christ. To symbolize that the Gospel belongs also to the world, the Gospel book is brought into the church in the entrance procession.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

✠ The Celebrant says,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✠ Afterwards, the Celebrant says,

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

✠ A brief silence is observed.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

In the **Nicene Creed** we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "**believe**" (in Latin *credere*, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our hearts as token of our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "**We**" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP, p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

In the communion of Thomas and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Silence

✠ *The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the apostles and is an expression of reconciliation with our neighbor. As understood by its ancient position following the Prayers, the Peace is both a response to the Word of God and a preparation for Holy Communion.

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.

The Presentation of bread, wine, music, money, and other gifts at the altar signifies our offering of all we are and have in response to God's offering of Christ for our sake.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant offers up our prayer of thanks, summarizing God's work in creating, redeeming, and remaining with us as the Holy Spirit. We offer up not only bread and wine to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ but also ourselves, our souls and bodies, to receive these gifts so that we might be for the world the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. [You can find the music on the card in your seats.]

Offertory Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Bailey Whiteman, alto
Rachel Carlson, soprano

Presentation Hymn

King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 seat card

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.

Communion Anthem

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Communion Chant

Lord Jesus Christ

Taizé Chant

✘ Sung by all

Lord Je - sus Christ your light shines with in us. Let not my doubts and my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with in us. Let my heart al-ways wel-come your love. Lord Je - sus

✘ All stand.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Blessing: One of the specific ministries of priests is to declare God's blessing on God's people.

Closing Hymn

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising

Hymnal 590

Dismissal

The Dismissal is an important part of the Liturgy. To be dis-missed is to be sent forth to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Having been nourished in Word and Sacrament, we are newly equipped to carry out our baptismal responsibilities in the world.

Postlude

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Postlude: It is the practice of this congregation to remain reverently seated in silence for the Postlude.

The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God by Jose Zuniga and John Charles in loving memory of Salvador Zuniga.



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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

*John Johnson, Senior Warden (2013); Matt Cloninger, Junior Warden (2012)
Aaron Adkins (2013), Clinton Anderson (2012),
Mary Hager (2011), Jean Holman (2012), Kristin Jones (2013),
Ivan Santos-Sansfaute (2013), Dave Swanson (2013), Joe Zuniga (2011)*

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