

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish  
Washington, DC



*Skywatching*, Dawn Eggenberger

January 3, 2010  
The Second 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

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*Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.  
We invite you to observe the provided meditation in prayerful silence before worship.*

God in Trinity; Creator, Savior, Giver of life and truth; reveal the possibilities within us,  
that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity.

*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*

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## Prelude

*Prélude sur L'Introït de l'Épiphanie*

*Maurice Duruflé*

✠ *A bell rings, all stand and sing*

## Entrance Hymn

*Brightest and best are the stars of the morning*

Hymnal 117

✠ *The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*

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

# Gloria

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Word of God

### First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

### Psalm 84:1-8

*Quam dilecta!*



1

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of / hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.

2

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young;  
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my / God.

3

Happy are they who dwell in your / house!  
they will always be praising / you.

4

Happy are the people whose strength is in / you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.

5

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.

6

They will climb from height to / height;  
the God of gods will be revealed in / Zion.

7

O God of hosts, hear my / prayer;  
hearken, O God of / Jacob.

8

Behold our defender, O / God;  
and look upon the face of your A-/nointed.

**Second Lesson**

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

✠ *All stand. Sing verses 1-2 before the reading of the Gospel. Sing verse 3 after the reading.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Unto us a boy is born!*

Hymnal 98

**The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:1-18*

**Sermon**

Timothy Johnson

✠ *All stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

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## 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 all that dwell herein.

*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 on 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 Peace

Welcome and Announcements

## 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 Anthem**

*Rocking Carol*

Czech Carol arr. David Willcocks

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir; We will lend a coat of fur, We will rock you: see the fur to keep you warm Snugly in your tiny form. Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep, Sleep in comfort, slumber deep: We will rock you: We will serve you all we can, Darling, darling little man.

Sung by the St. Thomas' Children's Choir  
Diane Atherton, Director

**Presentation Hymn**

*We three kings*

Hymnal 128

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C**

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✦ *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.

## The Lord's Prayer

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✦ *The Celebrant continues*

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

*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.

✦ *Communion will be directed by the ushers.*

**Communion Anthem**     *Little Drummer Boy*

Katherine K. Davis

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
When we come.

Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,  
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum.

Sung by the St. Thomas' Children's Choir

**Communion Hymn**     *Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child*

Hymnal 247

✱ *All stand.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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## Christmas Blessing

### Hymn

*Earth has many a noble city*

Hymnal 127

### Dismissal

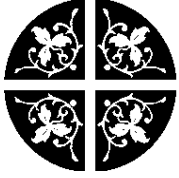
### Postlude

*Vom Himmel Hoch, Da Komm' Ich Her*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God  
by the parishioners of St. Thomas' Parish.*

We are happy to unveil the first ever Saint Thomas' Children's Choir on this first Sunday of the New Year. Diane Atherton has been working with our children throughout the fall, and the choir is always looking for new members.



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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 Carter, Senior Warden, Matt Cloninger, Junior Warden;  
Clinton Anderson, Michael Bell, Dan Costello,  
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Brad Latham, Kristin Queen Shaffer, Sarah Stewart*

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