

# Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



January 13, 2008  
The First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ (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

TEXTS FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

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## The Word of God

**Prelude**      *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam (Alto modo - Manualiter), BWV 685*      J.S. Bach

✘ *A bell rings, all stand.*

Celebrant      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People**      *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

**Entrance Hymn**      *Songs of thankfulness and praise*      Hymnal 135

✘ *The Celebrant continues,*

Celebrant:      God be with you.

**People:**      *And also with you.*

Celebrant:      Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

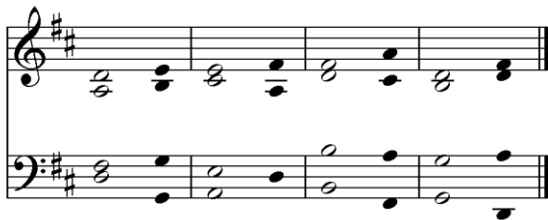
O God in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into the name of Jesus may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

✘ *All are seated*

**First Lesson**      *Isaiah 42:1-9*

✘ *Sung by all*

**Psalms 29:1-6**      *Afferte Domino*



- 1      Ascribe to God, you heavenly /beings,\*  
        ascribe to God glory and /strength.
- 2      Ascribe due honor to God's holy /Name; \*  
        worship the Most High in the beauty of /holiness.
- 3      The voice of God is upon the waters;  
        the God of glory /thunders; \*  
        God is upon the mighty /waters.
- 4      The voice of God is a powerful /voice; \*  
        the voice of God is a voice of /splendor.

- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar /trees; \*  
God breaks the cedars of /Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a /calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild /ox.

**Second Lesson** Acts 10:34-43

☒ All stand

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

**Alleluia / Verse**



**The Holy Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17

**Sermon**

The Rev. John F. Dwyer

**Renewal of Baptismal Covenant**

BCP, p. 304

**Prayers of the People**

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
*To be praised and glorified for ever.*

Loving God, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
*May we all be one that the world may believe.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
*That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.*

We remember those who have died;  
*Into your hands we commend them.*

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory;  
*May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble  
*In your presence may they find strength.*

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.  
*Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.*

Make us alive to the needs of our community.  
*Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.*

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
*Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.*

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

*Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.*

We pray silently or aloud for our own needs, concluding with

*God of love, grant our prayer.*

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

Praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way.

When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*        *And also with you.*

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3



*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 Motet

*Jubilate Deo*

*Orlando di Lasso*

Let all the earth rejoice in God, serve him with gladness, enter his presence with joy, for  
the Lord is God indeed.

✠ *All stand*

## Presentation Hymn

*The sinless one to Jordan came*

*Hymnal 120*

*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 our thanks and praise.*

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

✠ *Sung by all*

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Richard Proulx*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some ties and slurs used to connect notes across measures.

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

✠ *Celebrant and People*

*Dying, you destroyed our death.*

*Rising, you restored our life.*

*Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

✠ *Celebrant and People*

*Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.*

## The Lord's Prayer

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

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

✠ *Celebrant and 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.*

✠ *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 Motet

*Gustate et Videte*

*Henrich Isaac*

Taste and see how sweet the Lord is: blessed the man who trusts in him.

☒ *Sung by all*

**Communion Hymn**

*When Christ's appearing was made known*

Hymnal 131

☒ *All stand*

**Post Communion Prayer**

☒ *Celebrant and People*

*God of abundance, You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Blessing**

☒ *The Celebrant continues*

Live without fear: your God has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

*Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn**

*In Christ there is no East or West*

Hymnal 529

**Dismissal**

**Celebrant**     Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

**People**        *Thanks be to God.*

☒ *All are seated*

**Postlude**

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam (a 2 clav e pedale), BWV 684*

*J.S. Bach*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the people of St. Thomas' Parish.*



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**A place to find and be found by God.**

*The People of St. Thomas'*

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