

# Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



*Flight into Egypt by He Qi*

January 4, 2009  
The Second 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

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PLEASE OBSERVE PRAYERFUL SILENCE BEFORE WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*A solis ortus*

*Nicolas DeGrigny*

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## Hymn

*The first Nowell*

Hymnal 109

## 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.***

✠ *All are seated*

## First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

☒ *Sung by all*

## Gradual Psalm 84

*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, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.

## Second Lesson

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

☒ *All stand*

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

## Alleluia / Verse



## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:13-15,19-23*

## Homily

The Rev. John F. Dwyer

## The Nicene Creed

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## Prayers of the People

Form III

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## The Peace

# 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

*Sing Lullaby*

*Herbert Howells*

Sing lullaby While snow doth gently fall, Sing lullaby to Jesus Born in an oxen-stall. Sing lullaby to Jesus Born now in Bethlehem, The naked blackthorn's growing To weave his diadem. Sing lullaby to Jesus, While thickly snow doth fall. Sing lullaby To Jesus, the Saviour of all.

## Offertory Hymn

*Earth has many a noble city*

Hymnal 127

✠ *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.

### Communion Anthem

*Noël Nouwelet (2008)*

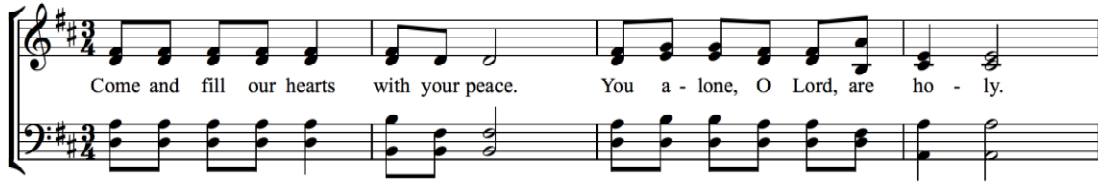
*Timothy Hagy*

Sing we a new Nowell. Thank we now our God and sing Nowell to greet the newborn King. In Bethlehem find Mary and Joseph, the donkey and the cow, and the child lying in a manger. The star rose in the East and came overhead to light the way. Three kings followed to Bethlehem, one carrying gold, another myrrh and another sweet smelling incense. Christmas took thirty days, but in twelve my song will end. A new Nowell we sing.

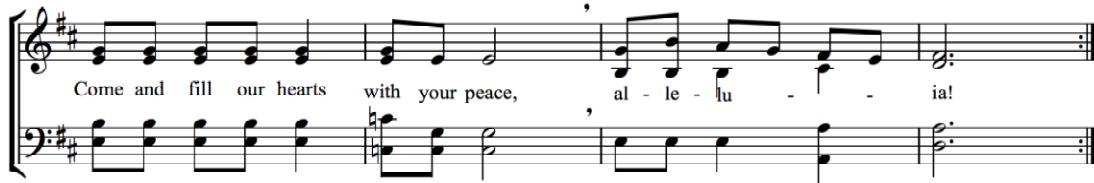
☒ *Sung by all*

## Come and Fill Our Hearts

*Taizé Chant*



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

☒ *All stand*

## Post Communion Prayer

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## Blessing

## Hymn

*On this day earth shall ring*

Hymnal 92

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

*Point d'Orgue sur les grands jeux (A solis ortus)*

Nicolas DeGrigny

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the  
27th Wedding Anniversary of Mary and Doug Hager.*



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A place to find and be found by God.

*The People of St. Thomas'*

**Vestry**

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