

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



March 6, 2011
Last Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 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

Menuet (Tombeau de Couperin)

Maurice Ravel

✦ A bell rings, all stand.

Entrance Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

✦ 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.

Beloved Christ, both God and flesh: So fill us with the splendor of your brilliance that we may reflect the radiance of your light to all whom we meet; and minister to others in your name, through Jesus Christ our savior, the light of the world. **Amen**

✦ The Celebrant continues,

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

✦ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99: 1-7, 9

Dominus regnavit

*Anglican Chant
by Jerome Meachen*

✦ Sung by all.



- 1
God reigns; let the people/tremble; *
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth/shake.
- 2
God is great in/Zion; *
and is high above all/peoples.
- 3
Let them confess God's Name, which is great and/awesome; *
God is the Holy/One.
- 4
"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established/equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in/Jacob."
- 5
We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your/footstool; *
you are the Holy/One.
- 6
Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your/Name, *
they called upon you, and you/answered them.
- 7
You spoke to them out of the pillar of/cloud; *
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you/gave them.
- 9
Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship on God's holy/hill; *
for our God is the Holy/One.

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

2 Peter 1:16-21

✘ After the reading, the Reader says,

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

✘ All stand.

Alleluia

Zimbabwe Alleluia

✘ Sung 3 times



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 17:1-9

✘ 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 II

BCP, p. 385

✘ The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

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.

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Offertory Anthem

A Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in excelsis (Western Wind)

John Taverner

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Rachel Carlson, soprano; Bailey Whiteman, mezzo-soprano
Kyle Burke, tenor; Mark Duer, bass

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.

Presentation Hymn

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Hymnal 137

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

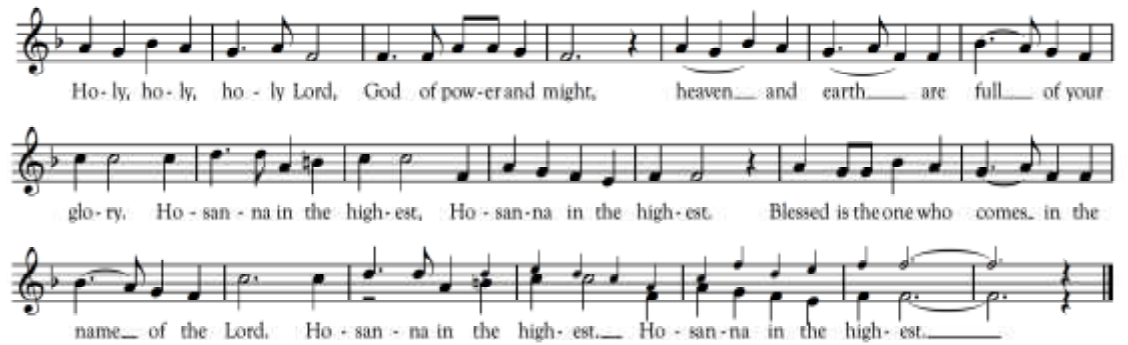
BCP, p. 367

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Presider and Congregation, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The second staff is for the Presider and Congregation, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Presider and Congregation, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

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

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

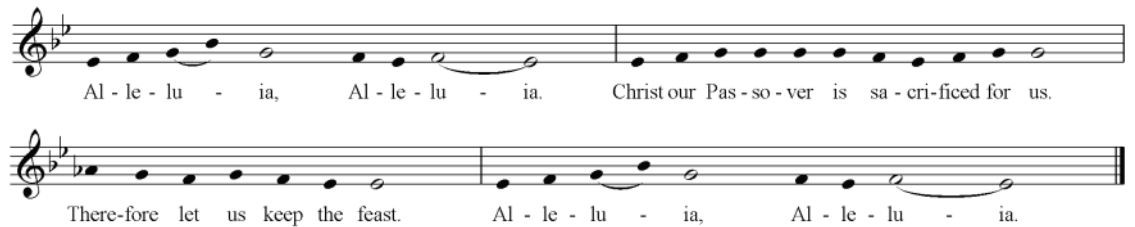
See seat card

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.]

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

In trouble and adversity

John Taverner

In trouble and adversity the Lord will hear thee still. The majesty of Jacob's God will thee defend from ill. And send thee from his holy place his help at every need. And so in Sion stablish thee and make thee strong indeed.

Communion Hymn

O Light of Light

Hymnal 133

✦ 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.

Hymn

Alleluia, song of gladness

1940 Hymnal, 54



Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever dear to choirs on high:
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.

2 Alleluia thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All they children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.

3 Alleluia we deserve not
Here to chant for evermore;
Alleluia our transgressions
Make us for a while give o'er;
For the holy time is coming
Bidding us our sins deplore.

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

Prélude (Tombeau de Couperin)

Maurice Ravel

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

Flowers donated by Jason Forman and Brett Snyder in honor of their marriage and the people of St. Thomas' Parish.



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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 (2011), Kristin Jones (2013),
 Ivan Santos-Sansfaute (2013), Dave Swanson (2013), Joe Zuniga (2011)*

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