

# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Prelude

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*American Melody*

Hymn 637

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

*“Benedictus es Domine”*

*Rutter*

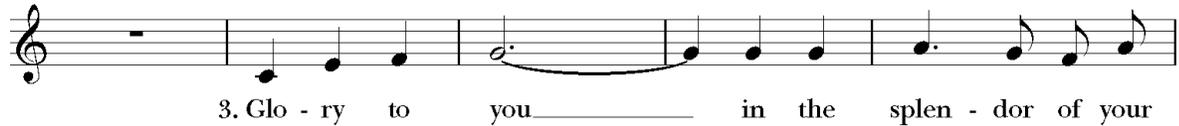
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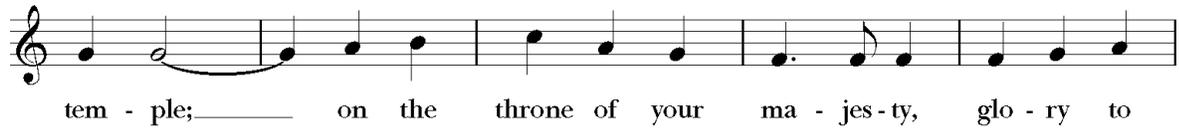
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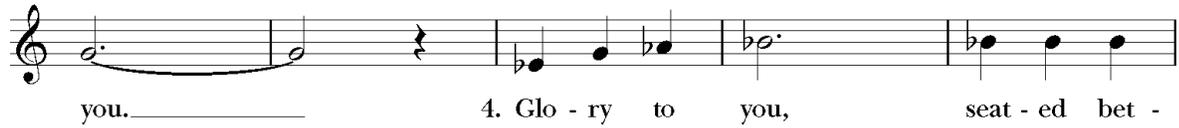
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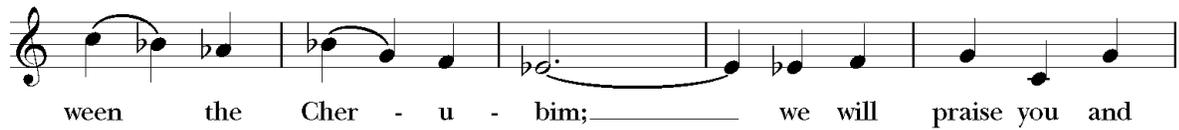
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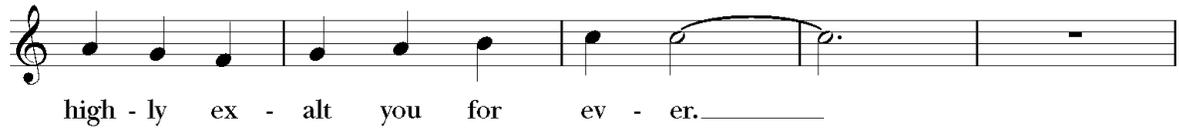
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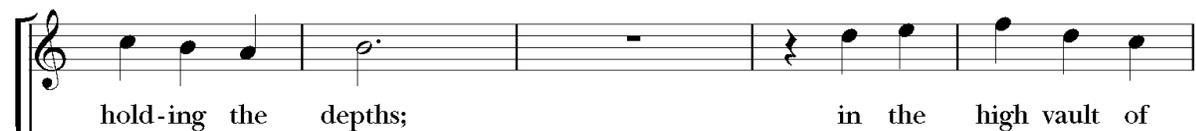
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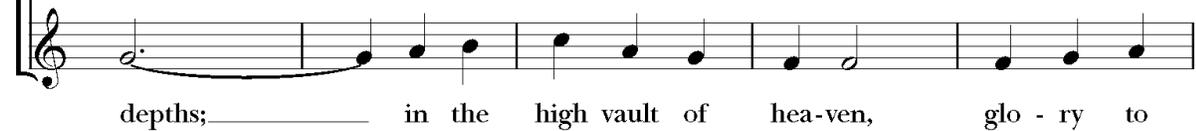
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And, with you.  
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

**O** GOD, THE PROTECTOR OF ALL WHO TRUST IN YOU, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

**B**OW MY KNEES BEFORE THE FATHER, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

## Hymn

☒ *Sung before and after the Gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel      John 6:1-21

Celebrant:      The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People:      **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS WENT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so, they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also, the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: Praise to you Lord Christ

## The Sermon

The Reverend Alex Dyer

## Nicene Creed

*Enriching our Worship*

✠ *Standing*

**W**E BELIEVE IN ONE GOD,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been modified for more inclusive language.*

## Prayers of the People

Written by Lowell Grisham

Celebrant: Holy God, in whom we find our refuge and our hope, hear us as we offer our prayers on behalf of all that is yours, saying: My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Intercessor: God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church the grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together but encouraging one another in Christ. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Illumine the minds of the leaders of the world with the wisdom that shines like the brightness of the skies. Help us to remember that the future is in your hands and hidden from human view, that we might place our faith less in our clouded understanding than in your divine guidance. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

In this time of wars and rumors of war, earthquake and famine, and of nation rising against nation, we pray for the welfare of the world and for the faith to see that these troubles are but the birth pangs of your coming kingdom of peace. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Put your laws in the hearts of this community and write them on our minds, that we may approach one another with true hearts in full assurance of faith. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Protect all those who take refuge in you, O God, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list: Debby, Grace, Peggy Ann, Kristin, DeSha, Ibby, Jen, the Knapp family, Nancy, Fran, Jim, Dave, Stephanie, Danielle, Liz, Steve, Paula, and Lynn, Help them and all of us, to find and follow your path of life that leads toward fullness of joy. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

We commend to you those who have departed before us. Help us to remember that in your love, all of us, those here and those gone before us, rest in hope. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you have inscribed your holy will upon our hearts and minds: Grant us grace to hold fast to the confession of our hope, without wavering, in the assurance of your faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. All: **And, with you.**

✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

## Invitation and Offertory Sentence

✠ *An offering is collect to support sharing God's love in the world and supporting God's mission.*

### Offertory Anthem

*"Panis Angelicus"*

*Franck*

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.*

Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind; Bread from the angelic host. That is the end of all imaginings; Oh miraculous thing! This body of God will nourish even the poorest, the most humble of servants, even the even the poorest, The most humble of servants.

## The Great Thanksgiving



*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.*



**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.**

**I**T IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**O**UR 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 forever. Amen.

## Fraction Anthem

✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

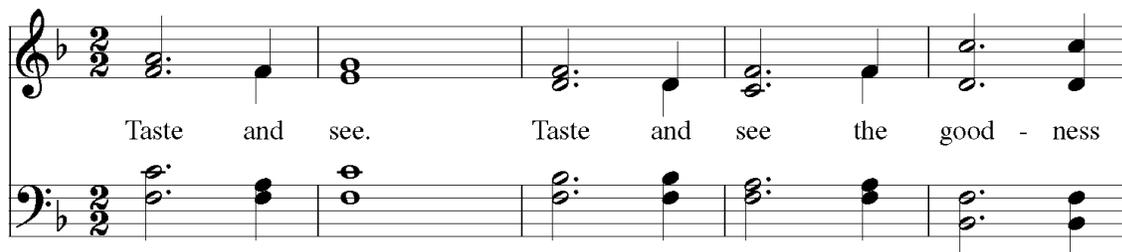
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✦ Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar. Enter via the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

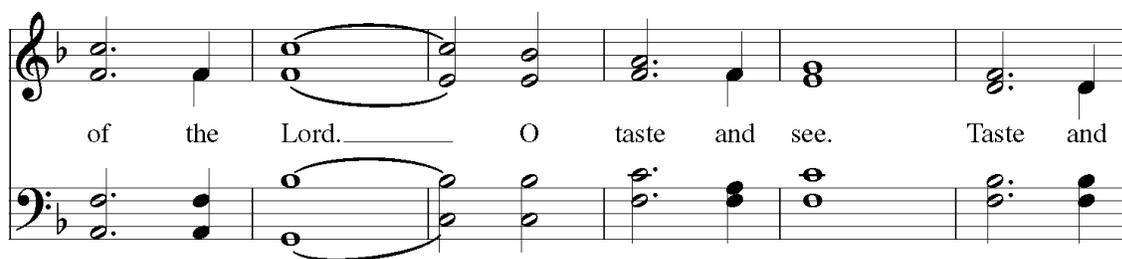
### Communion Hymn

“Taste and see”

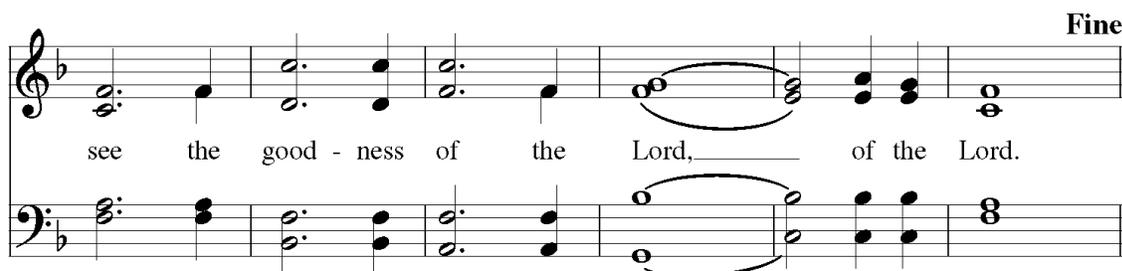
✦ Refrain sung by all



Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness



of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and



see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

### Prayer after Communion

✦ Said by all, standing

**L**OVING GOD, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Blessing

### Hymn 304

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

✦ Please exit at the beginning of the postlude.



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*“As St. Thomas’ Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world.”*

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## Vestry Leadership

Catherine Manhardt, Senior Warden  
Dennis Hobb, Junior Warden  
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Jennie Allison, Karen Garlick, Reggie Greer, Bettina Hager,  
Bob Moluf, Bob McDonald, and Ariel Vaagen

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