



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 12, 2023

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to our worship in this season after Epiphany! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Together, we all tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). Nursery Care and a program for children is available on the fourth floor during the service.

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**Prelude:** Improvisation

**Opening Hymn** Blue Hymnal #378

All people that on earth do dwell

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. 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.**

**Song of Praise**

The Third Song of Isaiah

WLP Hymnal, #883

*Refrain*

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his  
glo - ry is up - on you.

The musical notation is for a refrain in 12/8 time, G major. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The second staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics are: 'A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his glo - ry is up - on you.'

## The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector: The Word of the Lord      People: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 112:1-10**

(read by all)

**St. Helena's Psalter**

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in your law, O God!
- 2 Happy are they who observe your decrees \*  
    and seek you with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in your ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
    when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
    when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
    do not utterly forsake me.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Lector:           The Word of the Lord           **People:    Thanks be to God**

## Sequence Hymn

## Blue Hymnal#488

## Be thou my vision

*We will sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, and 3-4 after.*

## The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 5:21-37

*(The Gospel will be proclaimed in both Spanish & English)*

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

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

»Ustedes han oído que a sus antepasados se les dijo: "No mates, pues el que mate será condenado." Pero yo les digo que cualquiera que se enoje con su hermano, será condenado. Al que insulte a su hermano, lo juzgará la Junta Suprema; y el que injurie gravemente a su hermano, se hará merecedor del fuego del infierno. »Así que, si al llevar tu ofrenda al altar te acuerdas de que tu hermano tiene algo contra ti, deja tu ofrenda allí mismo delante del altar y ve primero a ponerte en paz con tu hermano. Entonces podrás volver al altar y presentar tu ofrenda. »Si alguien te lleva a juicio, ponte de acuerdo con él mientras todavía estés a tiempo, para que no te entregue al juez; porque si no, el juez te entregará a los guardias y te meterán en la cárcel. Te aseguro que no saldrás de allí hasta que pagues el último centavo.

»Ustedes han oído que se dijo: "No cometas adulterio." Pero yo les digo que cualquiera que mira con deseo a una mujer, ya cometió adulterio con ella en su corazón.

»Así pues, si tu ojo derecho te hace caer en pecado, sácatelo y échalo lejos de ti; es mejor que pierdas una sola parte de tu cuerpo, y no que todo tu cuerpo sea arrojado al infierno. Y si tu mano derecha te hace caer en pecado, córtatela y échala lejos de ti; es mejor que pierdas una sola parte de tu cuerpo, y no que todo tu cuerpo vaya a parar al infierno.

»También se dijo: "Cualquiera que se divorcia de su esposa, debe darle un certificado de divorcio." Pero yo les digo que si un hombre se divorcia de su esposa, a no ser en el caso de una unión ilegal, la pone en peligro de cometer adulterio. Y el que se casa con una divorciada, comete adulterio.

»También han oído ustedes que se dijo a los antepasados: “No dejes de cumplir lo que hayas ofrecido al Señor bajo juramento.” Pero yo les digo: simplemente, no juren. No juren por el cielo, porque es el trono de Dios; ni por la tierra, porque es el estrado de sus pies; ni por Jerusalén, porque es la ciudad del gran Rey. Ni juren ustedes tampoco por su propia cabeza, porque no pueden hacer blanco o negro ni un solo cabello. Baste con decir claramente “sí” o “no”. Pues lo que se aparta de esto, es malo.

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Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson**

## The Nicene Creed

WE 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

## Prayers of the People

## Book of Common Prayer, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence may be kept.*)

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### *Birthday Prayer: (said by all)*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory Anthem



*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. The ushers will collect a financial offering during the Offertory. If you'd prefer to give electronically to our operating funds, please text STTHOMASDC (\$) to 73256 or follow the QR Code.*

When you scan this QR Code with your phone's camera, it will take you directly to St. Thomas' website's Giving Page.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called 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 rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**#S130 in Blue Hymnal**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
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.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the 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.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with Saint Thomas and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 forever. **Amen.**

**PADRE NUESTRO,** que estás en el cielo.  
Santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos  
del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y  
la gloria. Por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. The bishop has given the diocese permission to share the bread and wine at communion again. She does not permit us to intinct, or dip, our wafers in the wine. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are two stations to receive bread. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.*

Communion Hymn Blue Hymnal #455

O love of God

Postcommunion Prayer

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal #438

Tell out my soul

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Epiphany Introit

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)



*The flowers are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the family and friends of Jean Holman.*



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February 12<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

February 10 - 12 Women's Retreat (Offsite)

9:30am to 11:30am - Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)

9:30 am to 10:15am - Choir Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

10:30am to 11:30am - Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)

12:00pm to 1:15pm - Soup for the season of Epiphany (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

2:00pm to 4:00pm - East Sea Sword School (4th Floor)

3:00pm to 9:00pm - GMCW Full Chorus (2nd Floor Nave & 1st Floor Commons)

## Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm - Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

6:30pm to 8:00pm - Catechism Class (1st floor Commons)

6:30pm to 9:00pm - GMCW Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

7:30pm to 9:00pm - AA Meeting (4th floor)

## Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm - Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

11:00am to 12:00pm - Staff Meeting (1st Floor Commons)

7:00pm to 9:00pm - GMCW Rehearsals (2nd floor Nave, 4th Floor)

## Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm - Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

6:45pm to 9:15pm - GMCW Sectionals (2nd floor Nave)

## Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Office Hours: 10am to 3pm

8:30am to 4:30pm - Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

6:45pm to 9:15pm - GMCW Sectionals (2nd floor Nave)

6:30pm to 8:30pm - Vestry Meeting

## Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - Office Hours: 9am to 12pm

8:30am to 4:30pm - Capital Clubhouse (4th floor)

8:00pm to 9:00pm - NA Meeting (4th floor)

## Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30am to 2:30 pm - GMCW GenOUT (1<sup>st</sup> floor commons and 2nd floor Nave)

## Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas' Choir to St. Luke's for 9.30am service

9:30am to 11:30am - Nursery and Christian Education/Kids Activities (4th floor)

9:15 am to 10:15am - GenOUT Choir Rehearsal (2nd floor Nave)

10:30am to 11:30am - Holy Eucharist (2nd Floor Nave)

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Scan the QR code to read the weekly announcements on the Phoenix news.

## *Where are the weekly announcements?*

For the next two months we will be printing the worship service, and sharing a QR code to our weekly announcements, called the Phoenix. This cuts our weekly paper usage in half. We try this as one way to care for God's creation. Please let me know what you think, or if you'd like help getting signed up for our weekly announcements!

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja, Rector

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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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