

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023



7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn #457 Thou art the way *St. James*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 323

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Gloria page 324

Collect, Readings and Gospel (*pages 3-5 of Bulletin*)

Sermon The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Nicene Creed page 326

Prayers of the People (*page 5-6 of Bulletin*)

Confession and Absolution page 331

The Peace

Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II page 340

Sanctus page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #334 Praise the Lord rise up rejoicing *Alles Ist An Gottes Segen*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #457 Thou art the way *St. James*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Gloria in Excelsis (*insert in Hymnal*) *Powell* Hymnal S280

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

Sequence Hymn #487 Come my way my truth my life *The Call*

The Gospel (*pages 4-5 of Bulletin*)

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Prayers of the People (*page 5-6 of Bulletin*)

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B page 367

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (*insert in Hymnal*) *Powell* Hymnal S163

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 365

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #334 Praise the Lord rise up rejoicing *Alles Ist An Gottes Segen*

The Dismissal

Postlude



The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalms 112:1-10

¹ Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

- ⁶ For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father

in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Thomas our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation....

SILENCE. The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

SILENCE. The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy 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 if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



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Deacon:
Organist:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry
The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon
Lay Readers: Pam Bardon, Pat Ayers
Prayers of the People: Shirley Fierro
Usher: Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht
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Prayers of the People: Jacqueline Recht
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