



The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 11, 2026 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.

Entrance Hymn 370 vv. 1,2,6,7

1. I bind unto myself today
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in the Jordan river;
his death on cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spic'd tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom:
I bind unto myself today.

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St. Patrick's Breastplate

6. Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

7. I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

People

Almighty God

Celebrant

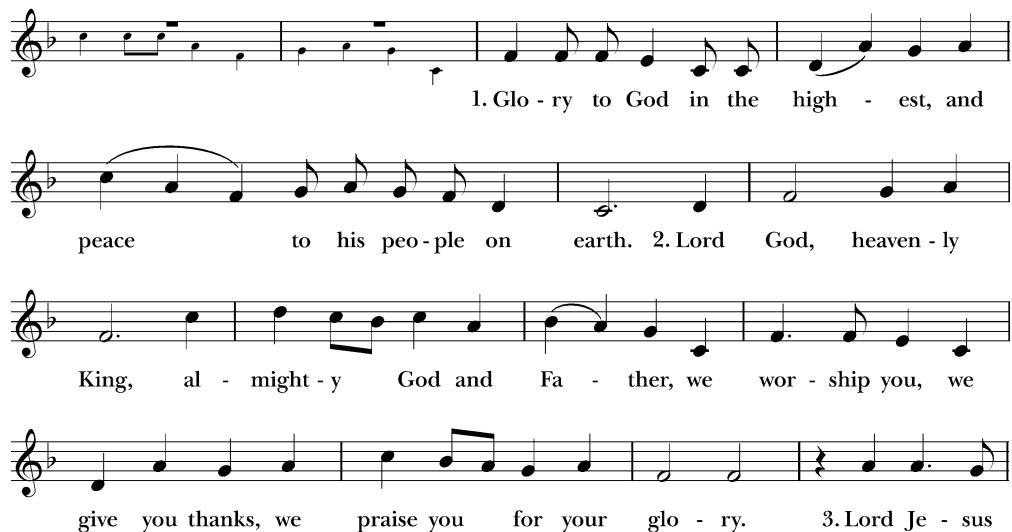
unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children and Chaplains may come forward. The following is sung, all standing

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Glory to God

Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Celebrant says to the congregation

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says to the chapel participants

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

Chapel Participants **We will.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [42:1-9]

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes

from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 29

Remain seated.

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
⁹And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, “Glory!”
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34-43]

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn 679

All stand.

Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [3:13-17]

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you preserve in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will with, God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or Priest

As we pray together may we be immersed in the love of the Father, buried in the depths of Christ and borne along in the flowing of the Spirit.

Intercessor

We pray for your Church throughout the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Bida, the Church of Nigeria. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke's, Wilton, St. John's, Bangor, for new members of the Church, penitents, and seekers. We pray for all the people of God.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for our bishop, Thomas, and for the lay leaders and clergy of our diocese. Inspire and strengthen them in their ministry.

Lead us and form us.

We pray for Donald our President, and for the leaders of our country and the world.

Show us your love and mercy.

Heal us of our divisions that we may pray and work together for the common good of our community, our nation and the world.

Be with us and unite us.

We pray for all those who serve in the armed forces, for Kristian Kibler, and for those who serve to protect us at home and abroad.

Defend and sustain us.

We pray for all those incarcerated and those on death row.

Comfort and deliver us.

We pray for those who are unhoused, those who are sick, for all who suffer, and those enduring terror and oppression. Give them courage in the days ahead. Bless all those who minister to them.

Be with us and heal us.

We pray those who have died. We thank you for the peace and light you bestow upon them.

Console and strengthen us.

May we grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfill our ministry, and follow Christ from this day on.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others, silently or aloud.

Silence. The People may offer their own prayers

Celebrant

As those who have been baptized into Christ, may we all enter into the liberty and splendor of the children of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion



The people stand as the offerings are brought forward. Online Offerings: Scan the QR Code or click the Donate Button on our website (www.stthomascamden.org)

Offertory Hymn 448 vv. 1, 2, 3, 6 O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

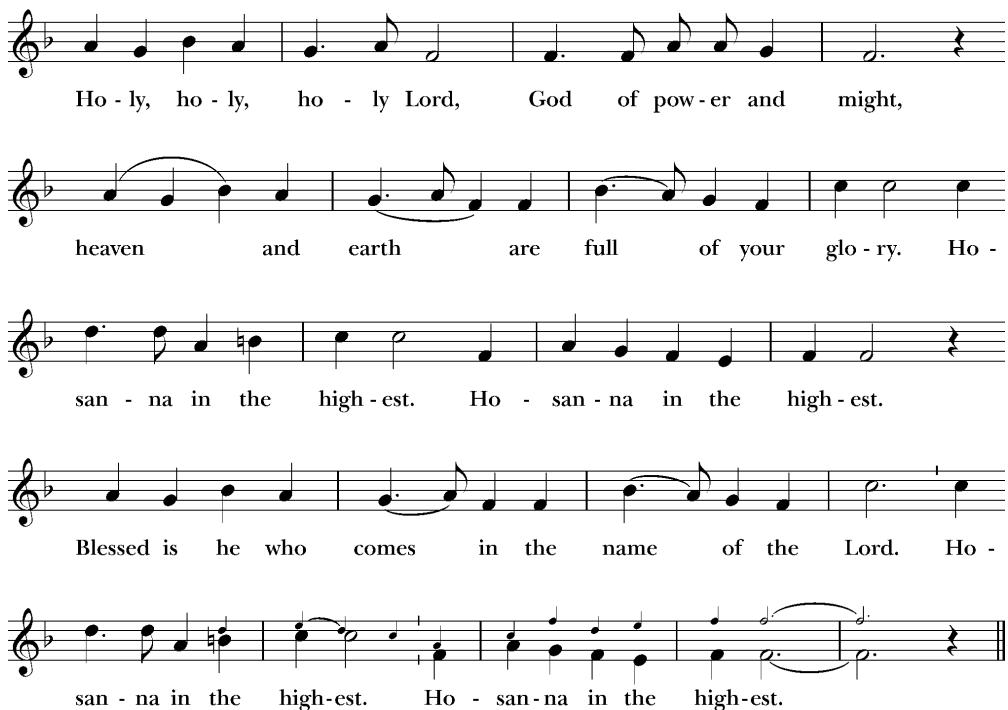
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Holy, holy, holy

Proulx

Celebrant and People



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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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Jesus Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Franz Peter Schubert

Jesus Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Jesus, 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.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

This is God's table, all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail. You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

Necessary announcements may be made; the people may be seated.

Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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Readers: Jeff Conrad, Jacqueline Recht

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Ushers: Jim Ebbert and Lucy Ebbert

People in our Prayers

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Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's, Wilton, St. John's, Bangor, For new members of the church, penitents, and seekers

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, January 11

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Conference Room*)

The CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) Survey is now live through January 28.

Online, paper copies available upon request

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Tuesday, January 13

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Thursday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Planning Lent Worship Meeting on Zoom

Contact Paul Briggs for reading material and Zoom link.

Sunday, January 18:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Conference Room*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming:

Sunday, January 25:

Annual Parish Meeting following 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday, February 15:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown visits St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Confirmation/Inquirers'/Newcomer Classes

- Desirous to renew your faith?
- Are there aspects of faith you'd like to explore?
- Been through a major life change (a move, significant loss, or change in employment)?
- Feel like you need a refresher course in the fundamentals of Christianity?

These classes are just for you if you answered "yes" to any of these questions. This formation opportunity is open to the curious, newcomers, and seasoned veteran. We'll meet Sundays until the end of March. Participants may elect to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 4 (7:30 p.m.) at THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER. Classes begin **Sunday, January 11, 2026** from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is a time to ask questions, deepen friendships, and discover the riches of God's grace in your life.

Planning Worship for Lent

Join Paul Briggs for a Zoom meeting Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m. to discuss creative and meaningful ways to observe the Season of Lent in our Sunday worship and beyond. Contact 860-384-9193 or interimrector@sthomascamdenme.org to receive study materials and zoom link.

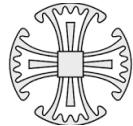
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