



# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 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 542**

Christ is the world's true Light

*St. Joan*

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an- cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God

*People* 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*

**S 280**

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.

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 Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [58:1-9a]

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>“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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>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? <sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 112:1-9

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
**Happy are they who fear the Lord \***  
    and have great delight in his commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
    the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
    and their righteousness will last forever.  
<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
    the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
    and to manage their affairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; \*  
    the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
    their heart is right;  
    they put their trust in the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
    until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, \*  
    and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
    they will hold up their head with honor.

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth [2:1-12]



<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Creed

*All stand.*

**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:  
    by the power of the Holy Spirit  
        he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
        and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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 Prayers of the People

*Deacon or presider*

In the offering of our prayers, let us draw upon God's holy and life-giving waters to refresh our hearts, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

*Intercessor*

For the courage to live with integrity, that what is visible in our outward actions reveals the Holy Spirit of God residing within our souls; let us pray.

**Hear us, God of Glory.**

That we may discover the light that is within us, placing it upon the lamp stands of the world, offering a way of hope for those who live under the burden of poverty, abuse, oppression, and degradation of every kind; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That the commandments of God may be the pathways upon which we walk, acknowledging their wisdom and fashioning our lives after their challenges, that through them the whole community of God's people may prosper and live in mutual trust and goodness; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That the leaders of the Church may be strengthened by God's Spirit in their call to serve and to carry the concerns of the community, whether everyday concerns or moments of serious discord, all in the Name of Christ, whose cross leads the faithful to a risen life; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may have a vision of the global good over political gain, and the welfare of the whole over the special interests of the few; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

In thanksgiving for those whose lives enriched our own, and who now live in the communion of saints, in whose company we may one day reside; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

From the depths of weakness and trembling that live in every human heart, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

*Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here.*

*The presider adds a concluding collect*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.***

*All stand.*

*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](http://www.stthomascamden.org))*

### Offertory Hymn 490

### I want to walk as a child of the light

*Houston*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa-tience the race,  
The and we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## 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:

**S 125**

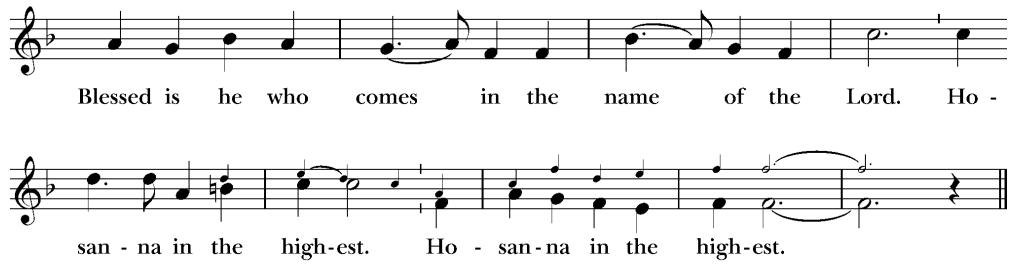
*Holy, holy, holy*

*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.



*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**

## Jesus Lamb of God

## Agnus Dei

Franz Peter Schubert

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.

*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, 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 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Austria*

1.Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2.See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver  
never fails from age to age.

3.Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4.Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raise  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

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Pianist: Lizzie Danchi

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Bardon, Dean Jackson

Readers: Kate Jackson, Sue Foltz

Prayers of the People: Dean Jackson

Ushers: Bobby Purkey, Diane Purkey

## **People in our Prayers**

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**February Birthdays:** Sue Such (2), Leamon Scott (3), Cathy Harrell (6), Ron Zdrojeski (11), Sarah Groman (18), Teague Buchanan (21), Isa Babb (28), Rachel Bok-Goldman (28)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** Church of Our Father, Hulls Cove, For the work of United Thank Offering

## **This Week at St. Thomas'**

### **Sunday, February 8:**

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*)

**Wednesday, February 11:**  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donvan Bowley for link*)

**Sunday, February 15:**  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)  
The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown visits St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

**Upcoming:**

**February 17**  
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**February 18**  
12 noon Ash Wednesday Liturgy

**February 19**  
5:30 p.m. C.A.T. Interpretation for Vestry (via Zoom)

**February 21**  
8:30 a.m. Vestry Retreat at Limina Renewal Center

**February 28**

7:30 p.m. Outreach Dance (*Parish Hall*)

**April 4**  
7:30 p.m. THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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