



Welcome to St. Thomas'!

For use in your pew racks: *the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book, The Hymnal 1982 is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green book.* * Indicates 10 am service only.

VOLUNTARY

"Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" "

J.S Bach (1685-1750)

Standing and facing the Advent Wreath

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Choir All

Bless - ed are you, Sov - reign Lord just and true: to you be praise and glo-ry for ev - er!

Choir: Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,

Choir All

Je - sus our Sa - viour and King of the a - ges. Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

*HYMN WLP 724

"People, look East,"

Besançon

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

BCP 355

THE KYRIE

BCP 356

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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



*Behold, God is my salvátion;**
I will trust, and nót be afraid:

For the Lord Jehovah is my strength ánd my song;*
He also is becóme my salvátion.

Therefore with jóy*
Shall ye draw water out of the wélls of salvátion.

And in that day sháll ye say,*
Praise the Lórd, call upón his name,

Declare his doings among the péople,*
Make mention that his name ís exálted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things:*
This is knówn in áll the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zíon:*
For great is the Holy One of Israel ín the mídst of thee.

Glory be to the Father, and tó the Son,*
and tó the Hóly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever sháll be*
World withóut end. Ámen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

*HYMN 76

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry,"

Winchester New

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan, our priest; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for Joe our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken, our Mayor; and all those in civic authority. Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray for the sick, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we now name _____. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you forever. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. (We remember, especially,____.) Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as a friend to all. Give to us your blessing for their coming year and be ever-present in our lives as you were present with the disciples. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as steward of the gifts we have in this world. We pray especially for Benison Farm and its witness to the wider community of St. Petersburg. Maranatha: **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with blessed Thomas, our Patron saint; the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

" Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand"

Philip M. Young (b.1937)

THE HOLY COMMUNION, EUCHARIST PRAYER B

BCP 367

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* HYMN 324	"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"	<i>Picardy</i>
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* HYMN 54	"Savior of the nations, come!"	<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i>
*VOLUNTARY	"Toccata on Veni, Redempter gentium Op 5 No. 10"	<i>Paul Manz (1919-2009)</i>
DISMISSAL		BCP 366

Prayer List: Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Barbara, Carrie, Yvonne, Jo, Terry, Julia, John, Russ, Kevin, Freddy, Nancy, Rosalie, Anje, Joyce, Linda, Betty, Rick, Lee, and all those adversely affected by hurricanes.

Healing prayer: Anyone wanting Healing prayer with the imposition of holy oil at the 10am service, is invited to come to the baptismal font after making your communion and receive a confidential healing prayer from a trained parishioner. Intercessory prayers for others can also be made.

Thanks to those who are serving today: **Acolytes:** Hannah Wetmore, Colin Burkhart, Jace Viera. **Altar Guild:** Diane Robinson, Barbara Bice. **Camera Operator/Digital Commentary:** Jackson Ball /Mike White. **Coffee Host:** Laura Reitan. **Flower Guild:** Caron Burgess, Larua Vrooman. **Greeters 10am:** Russ Martin. **Healing:** Joan and Bill Barns. **Lay Eucharistic Minister 10am:** Ann Leavine. **Lector 8am:** Jack Day. **Lectors 10am:** Tom Alison, Lloyd Chapin. **Oblations:** Mike and Gina White. **Prayers of the People 8am:** Jack Day. **Prayers of the People 10am:** Angie Ford. **Ushers:** Lee Coryell, Teri Andrés Coryell, David and Jane Anne Knowlton.

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Our Vision: To create a safe, loving, and accepting place for all people to grow in their faith and spread love out into the beloved community.

