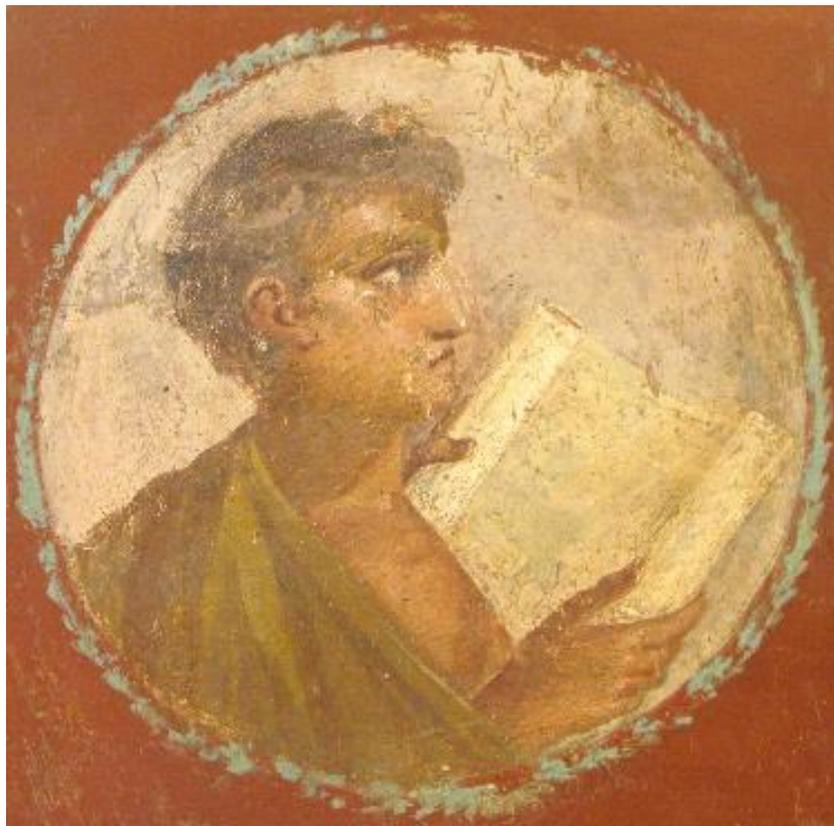


ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

10:00 am - Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We come together as the new week dawns to worship God, meet in fellowship,
and gather strength and hope for our work in the world.*

*For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks,
the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book.*

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. Dan Edwards

Bells of St. Thomas'

**The Entrance Hymn
Blue Hymnal 537**

“Christ for the World We Sing”

MOSCOW

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People together say

The Collect for Purity

**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.**

Hymn of Praise
Bells of St. Thomas

“Glory to God”

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people
the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous
works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

J. BARNBY



The heavens declare the /glory of /God, *
and the firmament/ shows his/ handi/work.

One day tells its tale/ to a/nother, *
and one night imparts/ knowledge /to an/other.

Although they have no /words or/ language, *
and their /voices/ are not/ heard,

Their sound has gone out in/to all/ lands, *
and their message to the/ ends- /of the /world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion/ for the /sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to/ run-/ its-/ course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of/ it a/gain; *
nothing is hidden/ from its/ burning /heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect and re/vives the /soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives /wisdom/ to the /innocent.

The statutes of the LORD are just and re/joyce the /heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives/ light-/ to the /eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and en/dures for/ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and /righteous /alto/gether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than /much fine /gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than /honey/ in the /comb.

By them also is your/ serv^{ant} en/lightened, *
and in keeping them /there is/ great re/ward.

Who can tell how often/ he of/fends? *
cleanse me/ from my/ secret /faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion /over /me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent /of a /great of/fense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable/ in your /sight, *
O LORD, my /strength and /my re/deemer

J. BARNBY



A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father. The magi came from the east to worship your son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration, especially to Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop, Ryan, our Priest; Anne, our Curate; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain .

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds at the beginning of this year 2022.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world. We pray especially for Joe, our President, Ron, our Governor, Ken, our Mayor, and all those in civic authority.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer especially Mark, Lindsey, Taylor, Michael, Charlotte, Christina, Connie, Barbara, Susan, Bill, Caitlin, Russ, Chris, Kathy, David, Frank, Julia, Laurie, Geoff, Ben, Bjorn, Ursula, Kevin, Thomas, Marion, Gil, Dona, Patti, and those we now name.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The gift of myrrh, an ointment used for anointing a dead body, foreshadowed Christ's death and resurrection. We pray for all who have died, (especially _____) that they may rest this day in peace and rise in glory.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbors, our families and this community of which we are a part. We especially pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, Dav Mosby, Russ Barmmer, Kelly Hallas, Lisa Johni, and Stuart Hine.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Please kneel.

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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
All stand.

Celebrant Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*To sustain us until he comes for the final time
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him*

The Offertory Two Settings of "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" JC Bach and JS Bach
Chancel Choir "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" D. J. Sweelinck

*How brightly beams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
Doth glad us with its shining.
Brightness of God, that breaks our night,
And fills the darkened souls with light,
Who long for truth were pining!
Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing! [Nicolai/Schlegel]*

Please stand.

The Presentation Hymn "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought" **FOREST GREEN**
Blue Hymnal 705 Vs. 3

*With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Green Hymnal 875

"Be Known to Us"

Cantor or Choir
 Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
Congregation
 break - ing of the bread. Be

All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. At this time communion will be the bread only.

Communion Music

Organ Improvisation

The Post-communion Prayer

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Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.

The Epiphany Blessing

Please stand

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal 539

"O Zion Haste"

TIDINGS

The Dismissal

Deacon Led on by the light of Christ, now made manifest to the world, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

Victor Norsa

Please remain seated until after the Postlude (camera still rolling).

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in Honor of the Ordination of The Rev. Anne Hartley by the McCraw Family.

Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founder's Room.

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

This will be a standing weekly event on Thursdays from 6 - 7:15 pm

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

COLLAGE ART

Parishioners and friends of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church have a creative opportunity later this month and in February. From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 12, artist Dee Perconti will lead collage classes in which participants will create art that depicts the Stations of the Cross. The sessions will take place in the parish hall. Completed works will be displayed along the ambulatory aisles of the nave during Lent. The cost is a minimum suggested donation of \$10 per session per participant. All contributions benefit Rapha International, a nonprofit organization that fights exploitation and abuse of children. For more information or to participate, please contact arts committee co-chairs Gina White, ginawhite@yahoo.com or Mary Jane Park, maryjanepark@aol.com. To learn about Rapha International: <https://rapha.org>

BENISON FARM

Saturday February 22 - Tampa Bay Collard Green Festival. Come be a part of this extraordinary community festival.

Please join us for a potluck meal and Compline at the farm on Sunday, January 30 from 4-6pm. Bring a dish to share, a beverage to drink, and a chair to sit in. Feel free to invite your friend/neighbor/family/or anyone else who has interest in joining

If you are not receiving the weekly Draft please call or email the office to sign up.
graces@stthomasstpete.org (727) 896-9641

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL EUCHARIST

Wednesday, 5:15 pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday, Chapel 9:00 am

OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.

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.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart, Hannah Wetmore
Altar Guild: Pat Bernfeld, Ann Levine
Camera Operator: Molly Goodwill
Coffee Host:
Flower Guild: Marilyn Lanctot
Lector 10am: Grace Smith
Musicians: Chancel Choir
Oblations: Jim and Anne Elston
Ushers: Chris Finch, Tom Brady

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The Rev. Anne Hartley, Curate
The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon
The Rev. Hayden Crawford, Assisting Clergy
Rick Smith, Director of Music
Joe Master, Organist and Director of Finance
Grace Smith, Director of Communications
Jon Ward, Sexton

Vestry Members

Class of 2019-2021

Dick Nelson, Sr. Warden
Valery Hendry, Secretary
Dee McMahon, Jr. Warden

Class of 2020-2022

David Dreisbach
Jay Hill, Treasurer
Russ Martin

Class of 2021-2023

Russ Ball
Michelle Jennings