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## **Welcome GUESTS & VISITORS!**

*We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out an “I’m New” card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.*

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.*

*To request prayers, please fill out the “Pray” card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or hand to one of the clergy. Prayers of the People are written weekly. They are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.*

*Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am - 12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).*

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Prelude

## Silent Procession

## Penitential Order

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

## Confession & Absolution

*All kneel as able. The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*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.***

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.**

# Kyrie

*Unison or harmony*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Children pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will  
process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

### **The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

- <sup>1</sup>*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.*
- <sup>2</sup>*Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*
- <sup>3</sup>*He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*
- <sup>17</sup>*Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.*
- <sup>18</sup>*They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.*
- <sup>19</sup>*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.*
- <sup>20</sup>*He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.*
- <sup>21</sup>*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.*
- <sup>22</sup>*Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.*

## **The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

## **The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21**

*All stand.*

Deacon    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Response    ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

[Jesus said,] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People    ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

### **Nicene 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.*

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

Presider or Deacon We pray to you, O Lord,

*Music Response after each petition:*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The piano line starts with a bass clef, the same key signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The second system continues the vocal and piano lines. The third system also continues the vocal and piano lines. The vocal line in the third system has two phrases: "life." and "life." The piano line in the third system has two phrases: "life." and "life." Above the first phrase of the vocal line in the third system is the instruction "To verses 1, 2, 3, 5" and above the second phrase is "To verse 4". The piano line in the third system has a long note under the first "life." and a shorter note under the second "life.".

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to  
yond my fears, from death to  
life. life.  
life. life.



*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

*The children will return from Children's Church.*

## **The Peace**

*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.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Music

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Chancel Choir

Scriven & Althouse

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.***

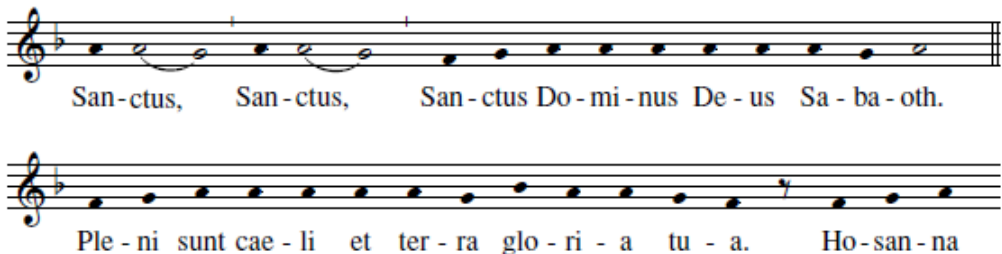
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

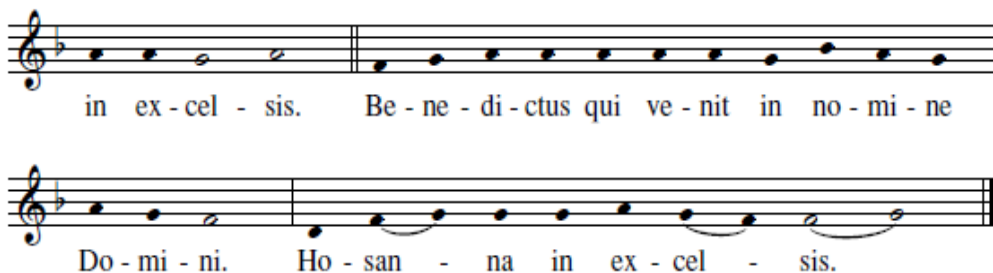
*Celebrant and People*

## Sanctus



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na



*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God. . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***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. . .  
. . . 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,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

*The Celebrant may say*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you have a wheat allergy, please tell the person administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.

## Communion Music

### *Return to God*

Refrain:

***Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.***

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation; come and learn now the way of our God. (Refrain)

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love. (Refrain)

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free; if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost; give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn. (Refrain)

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Keith Getty, Margaret Becker

Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.  
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow, though I'm worn.

Refrain:

***May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.***

Jesus guide me through the tempest; keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love You even more. (Refrain)

Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go -  
And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne. (Refrain)

## Silent Procession

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude



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