

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 8:45 AM**

## **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 a welcome 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 form on a Prayer Request 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.*

*Loving care is offered in our Nursery, open from 8:30am – 12:15pm (6 months-age 4).*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Prelude

### *Light One Candle*

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

## Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.  
**R. *Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.***  
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:  
**R. O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

## Opening Music

### *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Neale, Helmore

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus: ***Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel***

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

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O come Desire of nations bind  
 All peoples in one heart and mind  
 Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
 Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

## Acclamation

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

## 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.***

## Gloria

### *Glory to God Most High*

Jesse Manibusan

REFRAIN *Gospel feel* (♩ = ca. 132) ♩ = ♩ ♩

Capo 3: (D) (G/B) (D) (A7)  
 F B♭/D F C7

Glo - ry! \_\_\_ Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry \_\_\_

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A) (D) (F#7) (A#°7) (Bm)  
 F F/A B♭ C F A7 C#°7 Dm

in the high - est! Glo - ry! \_\_\_ Glo - ry to God!

1-5 (Em7) Gm7	(A7) C7	(D) F	to Verses (repeat 1st & last time)	Final (Em7) Gm7 <i>molto rit.</i>	(D/A) F/C	(G/A) Bb/C	(D) F	<i>Fine</i>
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Glo-ry to God Most High!". It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the main verses, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics "Glo-ry to God Most High!" are written below the melody. The second system is for the final ending, marked "Final" and "Fine". It also features a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The lyrics "Glo-ry to God Most High!" are repeated. The score includes various musical notations such as chords, rests, and dynamic markings like "molto rit.". The guitar chords are listed above the staves.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through 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: *Jeremiah 33:14-16***

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

*Response Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm: *Psalms 25:1-9***

<sup>1</sup>*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \**

*let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

<sup>2</sup>*Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

<sup>3</sup>*Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.*

<sup>4</sup>*Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.*

<sup>5</sup>*Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.*

<sup>6</sup>*Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>*Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

<sup>8</sup>*He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.*

<sup>9</sup>*All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

## The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Music

### Alleluia

Jesse Manibusan

♩ REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - le - lu - ia.

Cantor sings verses, All sing Refrain

FINAL REFRAIN: All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Response – Alleluia**

## **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.*

## The Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

*Deacon or other leader . . . Lord, in your mercy.*

*Response     **Hear our prayer.***

*The Presider will add a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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.**

*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

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## Offertory Music

### *Advent Hymn*

Christy Nockels

Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Christ the everlasting light  
Son of righteousness arise  
and triumph o'er these chains of mine

Come, thou long awaited One  
in the fullness of Your love  
And loose this heart bound up by shame  
and I will never be the same

Chorus:

***So, here I wait in hope of You  
All my soul's longing through and through  
And Dayspring from on high be near  
and Daystar in my heart appear***

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
until Your love in me is born  
And joyless is the evening song  
until Emmanuel has come (Chorus)

## 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.

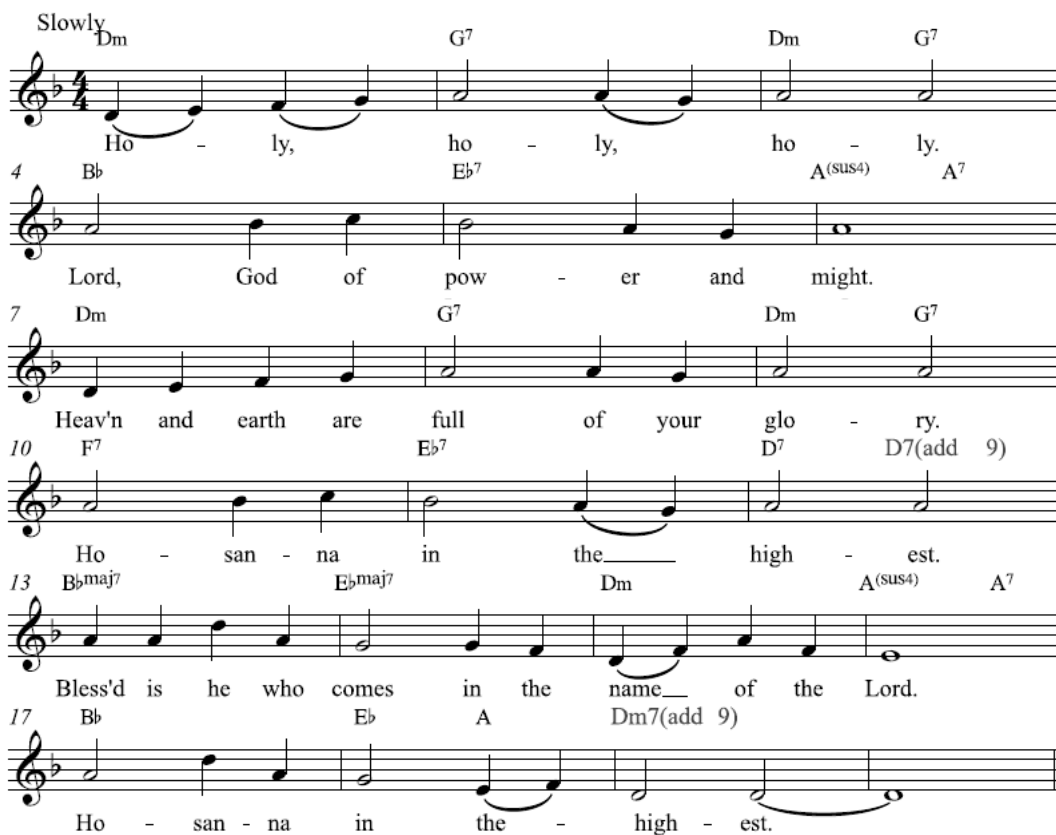
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Picardy/Elswick

Slowly



4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

7 Lord, God of pow - er and might.

10 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

13 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

17 Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant 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 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,

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant 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. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

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

### **Communion Music**     *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord*

Paul Baloche

Chorus:

***Open the eyes of my heart Lord***

***Open the eyes of my heart***

***I want to see You***

***I want to see You***

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
as we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

### **Sending Forth**

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the sacrament to those hospitalized, ill at home or home-bound, the following is said:*

In the name of this congregation, go forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Congregation*     ***We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one bread;  
one cup. Amen.***



Let us pray.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Wesley, Prichard

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Postlude**



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