

*Welcome to*  
ST. THOMAS  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist  
*January 19, 2025*  
*The 182<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting*

*ORDER OF SERVICE*

*Please use the following order of service to find your place in The Book of Common Prayer located in the pew racks in front of you. The blue Hymnal 1982 and supplemental hymnals Wonder Love and Praise and Lift Every Voice and Sing II contain hymns and service music.*

*If you are new to our community, please fill out a welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate during the offering.*

*Coffee and refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after each service, through the double doors to the right of the altar and down the hallway. There, you will have an opportunity to visit with members of the church community.*

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Opening Hymn

Hymnal 7

Opening Sentence

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*The Gloria in excelsis*

*Hymnal S-278*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*Collect*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*First Lesson:* Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 84*

*Sung by All*

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*Edward John Hopkins*



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
— hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
— he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Second Lesson:* 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as they are able.*

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 440

*Gospel Lesson:* John 2:1-11

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Nicene Creed  
Prayers of the People

BCP 358

The Confession of Sin  
The Peace

BCP 360

*The Annual Meeting*

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*At the Eucharist*

Anthem	<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	H. Freidell
The Great Thanksgiving		BCP 367
The Sanctus		Hymnal S-128
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-165
Communion Hymn		Hymnal 131
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Closing Hymn		Hymnal 443
Blessing & Dismissal		BCP 366
Postlude		

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Announcements

**We welcome Brooks Grantier as our guest organist.**

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Laundry Love needs you!** See Deacon Trish to volunteer.
- **There are flyers on the table outside the parish hall** explaining the types of foods wanted for Laundry Love & the St. Thomas Cupboard. Totes for your donations are under the tables located outside the parish hall and inside the red door.
- **St. Thomas Night Out** is Monday, January 20 at Clara's at 6:00p.m. Please let Noreen Sidnam know if you will be attending.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- **The Worship Team Meeting will be** Sunday, January 26th at 11:30 in the lounge.

**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21; Psalm 19

Serving this Week

10AM

Presider	The Rev. Michael Spencer
Preacher	The Rev. Michael Spencer
Deacon	The Rev. Trish Harris
Lector	Kent Bieberich (Both Lessons)
Intercessor	Mark & Sharon Engle
Crucifer	Keith Phillips

Chalice	Trish Harris, Kent Bieberich, Elizabeth Schirk
Altar Chapter	Heather Wiley, Elsie Gibson
Ushers	Ross Dingwall, Hans Prechtel
Greeter	Emilie Cummins & Lorraine Petter
Vestry Liaison	N/A (Annual Meeting)
AV Tech	Bob Hibbard