

# ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**January 13, 2019**

**Welcome to St Thomas'!** If this is your first time worshiping with us, we extend the hospitality of Christ and this community to you. Everything you need to participate in the service may be found in this booklet or in the blue hymnal in the rack in front of you

If our order and style of service is unfamiliar to you, don't worry. Just "go with the flow." God knows your heart. Take delight in God's glory, and let your heart be moved by the words and actions of the liturgy. It will become familiar in time.

# The Holy Eucharist

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Liturgy of the Word

**Organ Prelude** *How bright appears the Morning Star*

D. Buxtehude

Announcements

**Processional Hymn:** *I bind unto myself today*  
**(omit stanza 3)**

**Hymnal 370**

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

|                  |                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                  | Blessed be the One, holy and living God.      |
| <i>People</i>    | <i>Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.</i>  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | There is one Body and one Spirit;             |
| <i>People</i>    | <i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i> |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;             |
| <i>People</i>    | <i>One Creator and Redeemer of all.</i>       |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you.                         |
| <i>People</i>    | <i>And also with you.</i>                     |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us pray.                                  |

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*The children follow the cross to children's chapel as the congregation is seated.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 29**

1. Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, \*  
ascribe to God glory and strength.
2. Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \*  
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of God is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
God is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of God is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
5. The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; \*  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; \*  
God shakes the wilderness of Kādesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; \*  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. *(second half  
of chant)*

*The Saint Helena Psalter*

**Second Reading**

Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** *Herald, sound the note of judgment*  
**(tune: Regent Square)**

**Hymnal 70**

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

The Rev'd Leslie Burkardt, Rector

## **Holy Baptism**

*The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered this morning to Samuel Leif Moore-Levesque, son of Christa and John Moore-Levesque. We pray that as he grows in age he may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of his Savior Jesus Christ.*

*One of St. Thomas' official photographers will be recording today's baptisms. We request that all others refrain from taking pictures until after the service.*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The sponsors present the candidate, saying*

I present Samuel Leif Moore-Levesque to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that Samuel is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help Samuel to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Samuel in his life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*The congregation stands if able*

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The Deacon leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver Samuel, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill Samuel with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Leader* Send Samuel into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The congregation is asked to sit as the children rejoin us.*

*The Celebrant blesses the water, saying*

*People* The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

## **The Baptism**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Samuel Leif, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

Samuel Leif, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays over the newly baptized, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Samuel the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*



## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to  
renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving  
himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom  
and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say

*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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem** (sung)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.*

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.*

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at all Communion services. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please advise the person administering the consecrated Bread.*

*Unfermented grape juice is also offered at all liturgies. Begun as an act of ecumenical sharing, our Bishop has given permission for the use of grape juice in addition to wine whenever we celebrate the Holy Communion at St. Thomas'. The minister with the crystal chalice of unfermented grape juice will be situated at the floor-level station by the lectern, alongside the minister with the silver chalice of wine.*

**Communion Hymn** *How bright appears the Morning Star*

**Hymnal 497**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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**

**Recessional Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

**Hymnal 616**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude** *Hail the day so rich in cheer*

J.S. Bach

## **Altar Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving  
by Mike and Maggie Detty

## **Assisting in Worship**

|                  |                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Lectors:         | Cathy Dahler, Peter Barker                               |
| Chalice:         | DeWain Feller, Lois Giess,<br>Ellie Nace, Ann Tamburrini |
| Crucifer:        | Vicky Rupley                                             |
| Torchbearers:    | Tristan Kaproth-Joslin, Janet Sowden                     |
| Greeters/Ushers: | Kirk & Marilyn Meritt,<br>Lisa Hand, Tim Mabb            |
| VPOD:            | Harry Merryman                                           |
| Coffee Hour:     | Dawn Schweitzer                                          |

## PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

***In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Diocesan Prayer Cycle and our Parish Prayer Calendar, your intercessions are requested for:*** The Anglican Church of Australia; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Prince, our Bishop; the Diocesan Committee on Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice; St. Paul's Church, Rochester; the clergy, staff and vestry of St. Thomas'.

***Your prayers are requested for:***

***Those who are sick or in special need of our prayers:*** Phil Baader, brother of Trudy Turberg; Jan Beam, grandmother of Joel Thompson; Steven Betts, cousin of Janet Sowden; Katrina Bosse, granddaughter of Sharon Marriott; Pam Cheetham, sister of Janet Sowden; Mike Detty; Sloane Elker, granddaughter of Kirk & Marilyn Meritt; Natalie Findlay; Shelley Fitzgerald, friend of Carolyn Mabb; John Freeman, friend of the Barkers; Heather Gray; Tim Hay, cousin of Richard Yates; Denise Hoose, mother of Jonathan Hoose; Michael McQuinn; Mort Nace; Sam Space, friend of the Overackers; Kenneth Taylor, friend of the Tuke Family; Lauren Trevis, friend of the Mabbs; Jacqueline Williams, mother of Suzanne Lanyak, Mark Wolski, brother-in-law of Kris Wolski.

***Those in continuing need of our prayers:*** Marlene Allen, Ruth Bowman, Miggs Coleman, Amy Deck, Marion Fey, Alison Fletcher, Ginny Fogle, Mark Garner, Art and Maureen Holtzman, Kim Klein, Connie Kless, Marlene Koster, Kyleigh Keukelaar, Gretchen Lane, Gloria Levesque, Marlene Liebmann, Margy Mayk, Ann McNabb, Roxanne McNamara, Jim McLaughlin, Fran Moslow, Lisa Overacker, Alfie Paasewe, Abraham Philip; Craig Powell, Betty Rouleau, Steven Smith, Helen Stamas, Wendy Swift, Tacara Terry, Jean Troutner, Gertie Wiegert.

***Those serving in the armed forces:*** Joey Andrews, Evan Davies, Tom Dimiero, Jared Hicks, Justin Illes, Adrian Jope, Andrew Kless, Bryant Locke, Cameron Mabb, Darren Mitcham, Salim Rollog.

## **Our Mission**

*St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is a welcoming spiritual community  
dedicated to following the teachings of Christ Jesus.  
We grow through learning, celebrate joyful worship,  
and serve our neighbors.*

## **Our Vision**

*We open hearts and minds to create community in Christ.*

## **WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday - 12:00 Noon

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