



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

January 10, 2021

10 A.M.

## VOLUNTARY

Sonata in C major  
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671–1751), c1720

*The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.*

## HYMN

As with gladness men of old (119, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);  
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
 People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: 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 FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

ACTS 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

(121, *Enriching Our Music 2*)

1



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

2



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

3



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

Setting: Adapt. from *Exsultate, Jubilate* by W.A. Mozart (1756–1791).

Cantor: I have found David my servant.  
With my holy oil have I anointed him.  
Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD:  
God is the LORD who hath showed us light.

*The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.*

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Presider*

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and identified as God's Child. So we also are anointed by the same Spirit; we are reborn children with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

*Presider*

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** [*The Rev. Keri Aubert*]

*Presider*

Joining our hearts in hope and faith, let us pray to God, saying, "Light of Christ, shine on all creation."

*Intercessor and People*

Flame of abundant love, give us joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. We pray for your universal church and for all ministers of your Word. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Ember of steadfast presence, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Star of wondrous glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray for the land on which we stand, the waters that surround us, and the creatures that inhabit them. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Lamp of eternal wisdom, guide us as we seek and follow you. We pray for St. Thomas's Church and Day School, and especially for the leaders who are listening to hear the guidance of your Spirit. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Radiance of boundless compassion, direct our hands to your loving service. We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all those in any need or trouble. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

Spark of true liberation, send us your redeeming and reconciling grace. We pray for the dying and the dead. Light of Christ, **shine on all creation.**

We pray for the appreciations and concerns that we now share aloud or carry in our hearts. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

*Presider*

Holy God, you embrace the whole universe and sanctify all you have created: continually manifest in our hearts the constant awareness of your affection and the persuasive revelation of your desire, and thereby prepare us to offer our voices and bodies as courageous and confident bearers of the Good News of your light and love; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!*

## OFFERTORY HYMN      How bright appears the Morning Star (497, *The Hymnal 1982*)

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory Hymn 'How bright appears the Morning Star'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,  
from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.  
O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:  
 phim adored, assumed our very nature;  
 Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy merit, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF COMMUNION [The Rev. Keri Aubert]

*Presider and People*

God of abundant love, we thank you for nurturing us with this holy gathering of holy people. When we are alone, remind us of the communion we share with one another and with you. When we are hungry, show us the banquet that you are preparing for the redemption of the world. Keep peace in our hearts, so that we can sow peace in the world, walking in gladness the way of your beloved child, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Presider*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Presider:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## VOLUNTARY

Sonata in C major  
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671–1751), c1720

*After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*

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## Announcements

***Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.***

**Christmas Eve Service!** Yet another hearty THANK YOU to the many folks who contributed to our Christmas Eve service. Among them are: the children and youth who offered readings or musical contributions; Noah and the section leaders; Sally for the flower arrangement; all who sent in creche photos; and especially, Denise Terry, for her vision of a new take on the Pageant. It wasn't a usual Christmas Eve, but, in these pandemic times, it was lovely in its own special way. The service was recorded and will be available for viewing for a week or so; the link is in Thursday's Enews.

**Vestry Nominations are open!** Please get your nominations for parish leadership to Kyle Holton by January 11.

**St. Thomas's Parish Annual Meeting Notice.** In accord with Canon I, Section II of the Canons of the Diocese of Connecticut, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held **January 31, 2021**. Purpose: Electing the Wardens and Vestrypersons, Clerk and Treasurer, and transacting such other business as may legally come before the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting will be called to order immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. The meeting will be conducted over Zoom. - Linda Ross Meyer, Clerk

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## Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Musician:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Jocelyn Tidwell, Bill English

**Intercessor:** Wesleigh Anderson

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**  
Sally, Bonnie, Franklin

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,  
especially those who work in healthcare and those  
who have lost their livelihood

### In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers

### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

### In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Iran, Iraq, Syria

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Vestry

Kyle Holton (Senior Warden)

Denise Terry (Junior Warden)

Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)

Linda Meyer (Clerk)

Greg D'Andrea

Bill English

Chris Martinez

Alexandria Robison

Catherine Stricklan

The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney

The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Criscuolo (Chair)

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Denise Terry (Parish Junior Warden)

The Rev. Keri Aubert (President, Day School Corp.)

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