



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Service of Morning Prayer

January 2, 2022 10 A.M.

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Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

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St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

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## INTROIT

Ave Maria

Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum  
benedicta tu in mulieribus  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus  
Sancta Maria ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:28,31; Petrus Canisius (1521–1597), 1555 Music: Charles-François Gounod (1818–1893), 1859

## HYMN

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

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 voic-es:  
phim a-dored, as-sumed our ve-ry na-ture;  
Con-quer-or, till all know thy sal-va-tion.

Je-sus, Je-sus! Ho-ly, ho-ly, yet most low-ly,  
Je-sus, grant us, through thy mer-it, 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)

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## THE INVITATORY

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## VENITE

*Officiant and People*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## PSALM 84

*Preisder and People*

- 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!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
 says the LORD.

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

**CANTICLE 9** The First Song of Isaiah (679, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing,  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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**THE SECOND LESSON**

MATTHEW 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he

went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## CANTICLE 15

The Song of Mary

*Officiant and People*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People*

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

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.

**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. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us 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.**

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant*

*(The Collect of the Day)* O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(A Collect for Guidance)* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(A Prayer for Mission)* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**Officiant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange with one another a sign of peace.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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

**DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

*After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour.*

**VOLUNTARY**

We Three Kings  
 Alex Chavira

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## Announcements

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Our Rector, the Rev. Keri Aubert, is on sabbatical for the month of January. The Rev. Dexter Cheney is graciously providing pastoral and liturgical leadership. To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe to have future editions delivered to your email inbox.



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### Serving Today

**Officiant:** Madeleine Anderson

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lector:** Claire Scully

**Intercessor:** Claire Scully

### This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**

Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Katie (Coleman), Sally (Edwards)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

**Pray for those who have died.**

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

St. Peter’s, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them

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

Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

### Leadership at St. Thomas’s

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