



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

January 17, 2021 10 A.M.

## INTROIT

The lone, wild bird

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
the sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Words: Henry Richard McFadyen (1877–1964) Music: David N. Johnson (1922–1987)

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

## HYMN

Here I am, Lord (77, *My Heart Sings Out*)

Verses

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -  
save. I who made the stars of night,  
way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
light to them? Whom shall I send?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,



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## 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.

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.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139:1-5,12-17

Henry Walford Davies

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
 while I was being made in secret  
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
 all of them were written in your book; \*  
 they were fashioned day by day,  
 when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
 how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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: O be joyful in God all ye lands;  
sing praises unto the honor of his Name;  
O come hither and hearken all ye that fear God,  
and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul.

*The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.*

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:43-51

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

### AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*[The Rev. Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tustin, CA]*

*Presider and People*

**This is what we know to be true:**

out of the chaos of the waters,  
God spoke light and life into the world,  
creating all things to contain God's glory  
and display God's love.

**This is what we know to be true:**

In the midst of the chaos and beauty of human life,  
Jesus was born.  
He lived a life completely full of God.  
He fed and healed, taught and turned the world upside down.  
He spoke the truth of love to power  
and died with that truth intact.  
The Risen Christ lives among us and within us,  
that we might do even greater things.

**This is what we know to be true:**

**The Holy Spirit, like breath, like wind,  
is the power of God moving over and through us.  
By the power of the Spirit,  
we proclaim God's kingdom and serve God's world.**

**This is what we know:**

**We are God's, because God loves us. 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!*

## HYMN

God of grace and God of glory (477, *THE HYMNAL* 1982)

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise;  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

## 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.**

## ANTHEM

Ave maris stella

Ave maris stella  
Dei mater alma  
atque semper virgo  
felix coeli porta  
solve vincla reis  
profer lumen coecis  
mala nostra pelle  
bona cuncta posce  
monstra te esse matrem  
sumat per te preces  
qui pro nobis natus  
tulit esse tuus. Amen!

Hail, Star of the Sea,  
loving Mother of God,  
and Virgin immortal,  
heaven's blissful portal!  
Break the chains of sinners,  
bring light to the blind,  
drive away our evils,  
and ask for all good things.  
Show thyself to be a mother, that, through thee,  
He may accept our prayers,  
He who, born for us,  
chose to be your Son. Amen!

Words: Anonymous, 9th-century Music: Léo Delibes (1836–1891), 1891



*After the Anthem, 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.*

**Our Racial Reconciliation Book Club** is sponsoring a two-part discussion of "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet **Tuesday evenings, January 26 and February 2 at 7 p.m. by ZOOM.** (Yes, we mean 7 p.m.! This is a different time than Thursday Bible study.) Denise Terry will moderate the discussion. Use the usual church Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/5185223842>.

**St. Thomas's Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 31, following worship, via Zoom.** You'll elect parish leaders and get a report on the 2021 parish budget, all with a streamlined agenda. Please plan to grab a drink and a snack and join us.

### Serving Today

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

**Musician:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Jenny Chavira, Bob Herdt

**Intercessor:** Bill English

### 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:**

All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers

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

The Anglican Church of Australia

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

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

### Leadership at St. Thomas's

#### Church Vestry

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