

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) Holy Eucharist

December 4, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

VOLUNTARY Nun komm, der Heiden heiland, BWV 659 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

INTROIT Advent Prose Plainsong

Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;
we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.

Text: Introit for the Second Sunday of Advent

PROCESSIONAL HYMN On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Hymn 76 (*Winchester New*)

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*) from *Requiem, Op. 9* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire
of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (*sung by the choir*)

Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

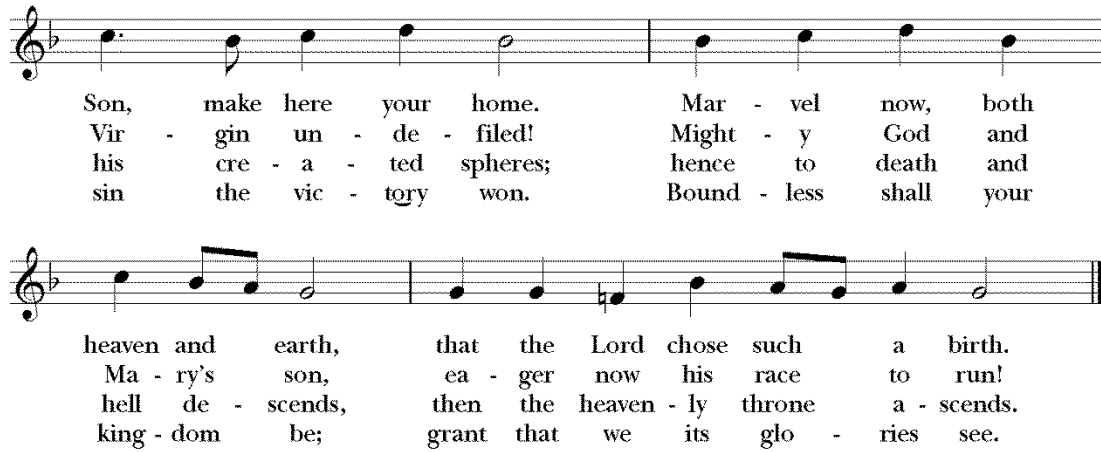
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Savior of the nations, come!
Hymn 54 (*Nun komm, der Heiden heiland*)

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

When Sunday School is offered, the students follow the children’s processional cross up the aisle, and then their teachers bring them to their classrooms. At the preacher’s invitation, all are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest

O Wisdom from on high, Holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. In this Advent season of anticipation and longing, we pray to you, saying, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

Intercessor

Inspire and strengthen your universal church. Help your ministers, lay and ordained, carry the Good News of salvation to all who await the signs of your coming. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Lend your wisdom and compassion to those in authority around the world. Help them lead those held captive by injustice and conflict, into the freedom of justice and peace. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Inspire all people to be grateful occupants and faithful keepers of your wondrous creation. Help us protect and preserve the earth, its lands and waters, and all its inhabitants. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Uphold and guide the people and ministries of St. Thomas's Church. Help us listen closely to you, and follow where you lead. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Comfort those who are grieving, lonely, or depressed this holiday season. Help them find peace, joy, hope, and love. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Sustain those troubled by sickness, poverty, or violence. Help them overcome adversity, so that they may be renewed. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Bring into your glorious presence those who have died. Help all people find risen life in you. **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Hear our additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, which we now offer either silently or aloud.

Celebrant

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; Emmanuel, God with us, come and save us, O Lord our God. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Priest

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Priest 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.**

Celebrant

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. If the children have been in Sunday School, they return at this time. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM This is the record of John Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

Text: John 1:19-23

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the Ushers carry the gifts forward. The People follow and encircle the altar. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (*St. Helena*)

1. Lord, en-throned in heaven - ly splen-dor, first be - got - ten from the dead,
 2. Here our hum-blest hom - age pay we, here in lov - ing rev-'rence bow;
 3. Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fring, fin - ished once for all when thou wast slain,
 4. Life - im - part - ing, heav'n - ly Man - na, strick - en Rock with stream-ing side,

1. thou a - lone, our strong de-fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2. here for faith's dis - cern - ment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3. in its full - ness, un - di-min-ished, shall for - ev - er - more re - main,
 4. heav'n and earth with loud ho-san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died,

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and liv - ing Bread!
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 2

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.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

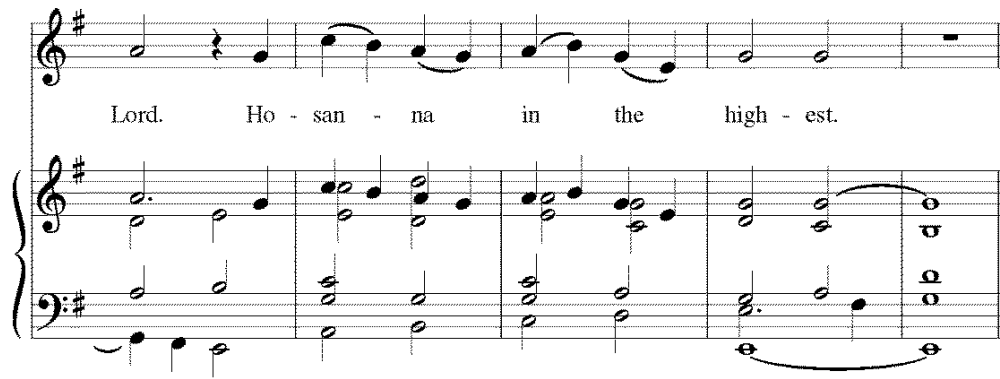
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

WLP 851

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some triplet markings in the final system.



Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP 867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God
William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia.
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

Text: Psalm 48:9-11, adapted by Rev. C. M. Armitage (1947)

After all have received communion, the people remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

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.

SENDING FORTH A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

This prayer is said when a Eucharistic Visitor will take communion to an ill or homebound parishioner. The Eucharistic Visitor joins the Celebrant in front of the altar.

Celebrant and People

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Go in peace.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May Christ, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion
Hymn 65 (*Swedish Psalm Tune*)



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Sinfony (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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Announcements

For more news and information, subscribe to our weekly Enews using the button on our home page.

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. For Advent, we are using service elements from *Enriching Our Worship* (the supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*, which provides more expansive language for God). Note especially that the Nicene Creed is different. For the next year, our Gospel readings will come primarily from Matthew. **Christmas flower** donations may be made during Advent; use the special envelopes in the pews or donate online.

Sunday School today and the next two Sundays is focused on Christmas Pageant preparation. Please try to bring your children all three Sundays – and Christmas Eve!

Today after worship: Student Care Package prepare. Please bring your contributions to the All-Purpose Room and stay to help prepare the packages.

Today at 5 p.m.: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS. The St. Thomas's Choir will lead a liturgy of scripture, carols, and anthems. It's a beautiful liturgy—please come, and bring a friend.

Book Club. We had our first meeting Thursday, but you can still join us for the remaining dates (12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22) at about 9 a.m. in the Lounge. The book is poet Mary Oliver's *Upstream: Selected Essays*. Please email Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com) if you plan to come, or if you have questions.

Next Sunday, December 11: Sunday School children will collect items that cannot be purchased with SNAP for families living at Martha's Place (transitional housing for women and their children—part of New Reach, www.newreach.org). Please donate personal items (full-size bars of soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoos, Aveeno for dry skin) and household cleaning supplies (dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bathroom cleaner, Lysol, packaged paper towels, toilet paper, sponges, kitchen floor cleaner). The children will supply collection bins.

Stewardship—Thanks and Please! A hearty word of thanks to everyone who has submitted their pledge. If you haven't submitted your pledge, it's not too late! You can find printed pledge packets at the doors of the church.

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Assisting Priest—Word: The Rev. Julie Kelsey

Assisting Priest—Table: The Rev. Dr. Lynda Tyson

Organist and Choirmaster: Simon Jacobs

Emcee: Dorothy Asch

Eucharistic Minister: Ozan Say

Crucifer: Robert Laughton

Torchbearers: Kevin Johnson, Chris Martinez

Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Robert Herdt

Intercessor: Robert Laughton

Sacristan: Mary Ann Nelson

Ushers/Greeters: Drew McDermott, Mel Thompson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Don & Sally Edwards, Ricardo & Jenny Chavira, Hank Platt

Prayer Intentions

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Bill M., Bill R., Bob, Bob H., Coral, Donna, Jane, Jeannie, Jonathan, Katie, Lee, Marj, Marilyn, Meg, Phil, Suzanne, Timothy

In St. Thomas's Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Sherezade Panthaki, Caroline Lieffers, Matthew Sullivan, Simon Lee

Pray for those who have died.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; For the children of the world, the Bishop's Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Karnataka North - (South India) The Rt. Rev. Ravikumar J. Niranjana

Prayer for Social Justice (*BCP*, p. 823)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge

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Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

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The Rev. Julie Kelsey

The Rev. Bill Loutrel

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp

The Rev. Lee McGee Street

The Rev. Dr. Parke Street

The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

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Jennifer Herdt, David Kelsey—Adult Formation

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Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

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Gina Panza—Head of School

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergy person or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Families with children: On most Sundays during the school year, Sunday School is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. All children are invited to attend. On three Sundays a month, Sunday School takes place both before and during the service; on one Sunday a month, it follows the service. On any given Sunday, the bulletin announcements and worship instructions provide additional information.

Families with small children: Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); and the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

At St. Thomas's, all are invited to receive Holy Communion. There are usually two stations, located at the front corners of the altar, where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at both stations. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail & Phone _____

How did you hear about St. Thomas's? _____

I would like to:

Speak to a clergy person

Receive parish emails

Have a permanent name tag

Explore becoming a member

Get involved with _____

Enroll my child(ren) in Sunday School

Learn about joining the Adult Choir

Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's
Choristers (Junior Choir)