



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Service of Holy Eucharist

January 6, 2019 10 A.M.

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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** After the service, please come to Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) for food and fellowship. Though other churches make the claim, ours really is the Best Coffee Hour in Connecticut. Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

**To follow along with the service** all you need is this service bulletin.

**Families with small children:** Three 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 areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Education for All Ages** takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

**Restrooms for men and women** are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion** hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

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## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13  
Maurice Durufé (1902–1986)

## INTROIT

Reges Tharsis

Reges Tharsis et insulae munera offerent  
reges Arabum et Saba  
dona domino Deo adducent.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands will offer tribute,  
the kings of Arabia  
will bring gifts to the Lord God.

Words: Psalm 72:10 Music: John Sheppard (c1515–1558)

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We three kings (128, *The Hymnal 1982*)



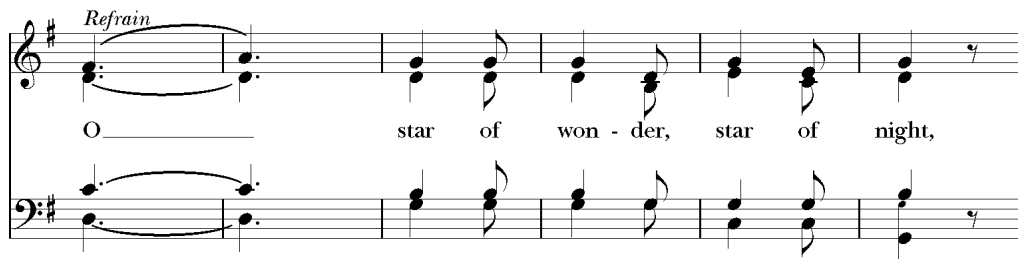
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



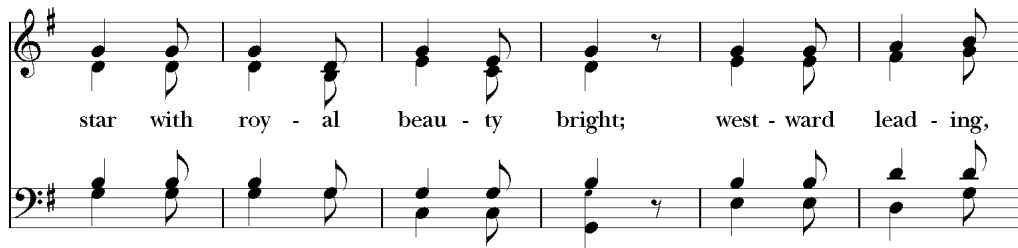
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



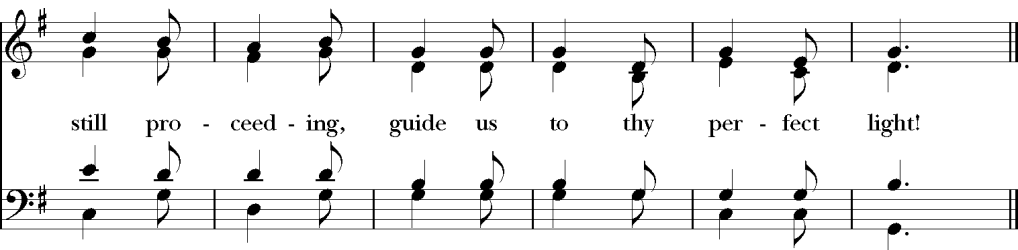
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

*The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.*

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Presider 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.

**GLORIA**

(Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*)

Glo-ry, glo-ry to  
God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re  
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone  
are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 72:1-7,10-14** *(sung by the Choir)*

- 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.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the

chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

*All stand.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Presider 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

### *Deacon*

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 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.**

Please offer your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

### *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 CONFESSION

### *Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

### *Deacon and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**



by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Presider*

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

## THE PEACE

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord 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. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Anthem**, during which the collection is taken.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There shall a star

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,  
and a sceptre from Israel rise up,  
and dash in pieces princes and nations.

What sudden radiance from afar,  
with light and comfort glowing.

Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,  
rightly leads us, life bestowing.

How brightly beams the morning star!

Praise, O praise such love overflowing!

Words: Numbers 24:17, Psalm 2:9, Wie schön leuchtet Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*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

As with gladness (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

THE HOLY COMMUNION  
 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-130, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

*Presider*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

**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,  
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-164, *The Hymnal 1982*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via the center aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station, non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Three Kings

Three kings from Persian lands afar  
 To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
 And this the quest of the travellers three,  
 Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.  
 Full royal gifts they bear for the King:  
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
 The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
 The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
 And there in worship they bend the knee,

As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
 Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
 Thou child of man, lo to Bethlehem  
 The kings are travelling, travel with them!  
 The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
 Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
 Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring:  
 Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Words and Music: Peter Cornelius (1824–1874)

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

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider 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.**

## **SEASONAL BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

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

FINAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise (135, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,  
 man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
 branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

DISMISSAL

Deacon: *[The Deacon dismisses the People.] [Alleluia, Alleluia!]*

People: **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia!]**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro risoluto from Plymouth Suite

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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## Announcements

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

**Today we return to our usual practice of the People gathering around the altar for the Eucharistic prayer.** Do you have an opinion—positive or negative—about our staying in the pews during Advent? We would appreciate your feedback, sent via email to Keri Aubert or Don Edwards. This will influence our decision about Lent.

### **A bit about the Pre-K (ages 2-5) group..... Bible Storytime!**

Join us for an engaging storytime with rhymes, songs, movement, books, and an age-appropriate biblical lesson. Our lessons follow the liturgical calendar and are centered on love, kindness, and peace. It is our goal to introduce our youngest parishioners to the liturgy and stories of the Bible in a fun and interactive way!

**THANK YOU to all who have pledged!!!** If you haven't yet pledged, please consider doing so, ASAP. Remember, the Vestry needs the pledge figure to prepare the 2019 Parish budget.

**Save the Date: Four-Choirs Service of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany: Sunday, January 20, 5 p.m., Trinity on the Green, New Haven.** Join the choirs of St. Thomas's, Episcopal Church at Yale, Christ Church, and Trinity on the Green for a lovely service of readings and music.

**Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 27, immediately after worship.** Besides our usual tasks (electing parish leadership and reviewing the budget), the congregation will be asked to pass new Parish By-Laws - the first in our 170-year history! Please mark your calendars and come if you can.

### SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

	Nov-18		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income				
Pledge/Plate & Building Use	\$12,136	\$12,186	\$117,157	\$134,051
School Reimbursement	\$0	\$3,175	\$32,759	\$34,927
Total Income	\$12,136	\$15,362	\$149,915	\$168,977
Total Expenses	\$26,528	\$30,619	\$305,951	\$335,526
Net Income before Endowment Contribution	-\$14,392	-\$15,257	-\$156,035	-\$166,548
"Healthy" Endowment Draw (5.25%) Contribution	\$10,221	\$9,784	\$111,062	\$107,622
<b>Net Income after "Healthy" Endowment Contribution*</b>	<b>-\$4,171</b>	<b>-\$5,474</b>	<b>-\$44,973</b>	<b>-\$58,926</b>

**\*Additional “unhealthy” additional endowment draw is budgeted for this purpose.**

**For more information and announcements, see our website and last week’s Weekly Parish Enews.**

## Serving Today

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Deacon:** The Rev. April Alford-Harkey  
**Conductor & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Emcee:** Dr. Dorothy Asch  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kyle Holton  
**Crucifers:** Derek Stefanovsky, Eden Holton  
**Lectors:** Drew McDermott, Don Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Katherine Vaillancourt  
**Chalice Bearer:** Joann Sweasy  
**Vestry Host:**  
**Sacristans:** Greg & Valerie Echols, Jami Carlacio  
**Ushers:** Bill & Sally Nanfeldt  
**Counters:** Joanne Sweasy, Constance Cahill  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Katherine Vaillancourt & Derek Stefanovsky

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

### Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:

Dorothy, Drew, Greg, Jerry, Katie, Lee, Parke

### Pray for those who have died.

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

Mary Davenport, Sam Ernest, Ed Watson

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

Grace Church, Broad Brook; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven

### 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 Officers and Vestry

Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)  
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)  
Diana Empsall (Treasurer)  
Martha Deeds Hogan (Clerk)  
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)  
Constance Cahill  
Daniel Harrison  
Dawn Lorentson  
Chris Martinez  
Jennifer Regan  
Alexandria Robison  
Kate Schilling  
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Priest-in-Charge)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney  
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Church Ministry Coordinator

Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant

### Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Panza—Head of School  
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.  
Gina Criscuolo (Chair)  
Frank Chang (Vice-Chair)  
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)  
Jeralyn Fantarella (Secretary)  
John Forrest  
Alex Babbidge  
Don Edwards  
Jonathan Macey  
Eileen O'Donnell  
Kenneth Paul  
Kathryn Crabb Scherer  
Denise Terry  
Heather Tookes Alexopoulos

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