



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WITH
LOVE

Second Sunday After the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist

January 18, 2026
2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO
saintthomasdenver.org

St Thomas Episcopal Church offers sanctuary and spiritual renewal to everyone regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, political affiliation or where you are on your spiritual journey. We welcome all who desire deep relationships and value our relationships with others over the differences that separate us.

Our Commitment

We believe all people are beloved of God and we strive to live and proclaim God's love through all our actions and words. As a community and as individuals, we **Lead with Love**, shine light in the darkness, create safe spaces and offer hope, courage, peace and strength for the journey. We are here for each other and for those in need of any kind. St. Thomas is a place of refuge for those who are wearied by the world and desire nourishment for the spirit and the soul. We welcome you to come as you are and to join us in the sacred task of loving a new world into being.

The Meaning of the Conch Shell and Shofar

The resonant sound of the conch shell is considered a sacred call, symbolizing the start of a ritual and invoking divine presence. Our parishioner, Tana Knopf, gifted St. Thomas with a conch shell and introduced this practice as a call to worship. In addition to blowing the conch we have added another call to prayer. Geoff Wodell blows the shofar, a ram's-horn trumpet used by ancient Jews in religious ceremonies and as a battle signal. These are some of the ways that we incorporate a diversity of cultures and traditions into our liturgy and, of course, the children love it.

Learn More About St. Thomas

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website (www.saintthomasdenver.org), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest by emailing office@saintthomasdenver.org.

Inclusive Language:

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

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Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal 1982 #490

Please stand in body or spirit.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God 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 we, your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that that we may lead others to the way of love; through Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit as you are able.

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

After the Reading:

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12

I waited patiently for you, O God; *

you stooped to me and heard my cry.

You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *

you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

You put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God; *

many shall see, and stand in awe,

and put their trust in you.

Happy are they who trust in you; *

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O God,

how great your wonders and your plans for us; *

there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them, *

but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *

(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *

and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart.' "

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *

behold, I did not restrain my lips,

and that, O God, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Holy One;

do not withhold your compassion from me; *

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the Reading:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Celtic Alleluia



1. Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.
Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak
are everlasting life.
2. The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
through God's Son: Jesus Christ.
3. A holy day has dawned.
Adore the Lord, you nations,
for today a light
has come on the earth.

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

After the Gospel:

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story

Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.

Go now in peace

Go now in peace

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Homily

Please sit.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or spirit.

We believe in the God of Life,
who creates and loves people,
who acts in history
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who is our brother,
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;
without her we are nothing;
filled with her we are able to become creative,
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and
courage for the struggles of life,
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and
place, that though we walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, we are called to be
instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying
the good of the earth;
We believe that people can change, and God keeps
pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace.
~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

The Prayers of The People

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the holy Church of God, and for
the unity of all, let us pray to God.
God, hear our prayer.

For Kym, our bishop, and for Terri, our rector, for all the clergy and people, let us pray
to God.
God, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.
God, hear our prayer.

For our communities, for every city and community, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to God.

God, hear our prayer.

The Collect

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory.

Amen

The Confession

Please kneel as you are able.

All 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.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Each week we gather to proclaim God's love for all and to offer strength and courage for the journey. We are convinced that the hope, love and good news that we offer are exactly what people need to navigate these challenging times in which we live. If you share our conviction and values, we invite you to generously support St. Thomas and help us to continue to make a difference in our community and the lives of people that we serve.

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Offertory Anthem

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Angela Pleasants

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Hymnal 1982 #380 vs 3

Please stand as you are able. During the hymn an offering is presented at the altar along with the oblations of bread and wine.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior. 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

LEVAS #253

Ho - ly,

ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might,

1. Heav - en and earth are full
2.,3. Bless - ed is he who comes

1. of your glo - ry.
2.,3. in the name of the Lord.

1.,2.
Ho - san - na! Ho - san -

na in the high

est. 3.
san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high est.

The people stand or kneel in body or spirit.

Presider (continues)

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we, are bold to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name,

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our debts as we for-give our debt - ors.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the

king- dom, and the pow- er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of The Bread

Fraction Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

WLP #784

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." D.C.

The Invitation to The Table

The Communion of the People

*All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Our bread is gluten free. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you. **Please note: For reason of sanitation, we do not allow intinction.***

Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

WLP #761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Blessings

Welcoming Visitors

Announcements

Read Our Weekly Newsletter:



Blessing

Please stand in body or spirit.

Recessional Hymn

Sweet Song

I love to tell the story. It will be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Na ha ha ha na na na na.

Na na na na na na na.

Na na na na na na.

Na na na na na na na na.

(Angela solo)

Sweet, sweet song of salvation, and let your laughter fill the air. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation, and tell the people everywhere. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation, tell every man in every nation. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation and let the people know Jesus cares.

Na ha ha ha na na na na.

Na na na na na na na.

Na na na na na na.

Na na na na na na na na.

(Angela solo)

Sweet, sweet song of salvation, and let your laughter fill the air. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation, and tell the people everywhere. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation, tell every man in every nation. Sing that sweet, sweet song of salvation and let the people know Jesus cares. x2

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.
2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.
3. If someone is reluctant to speak to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.
4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them if we are unclear of their intentions.)
5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.
6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.
7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.
8. We will not manipulate; We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.
9. When in doubt, we will just say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.
10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.
11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.



OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community

CORE VALUES

- **ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES**

Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)

- **CHOOSE LOVE**

We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)

- **CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY**

We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)

- **WELCOME ALL**

All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)

- **HONOR DIVERSITY**

All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)

- **PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL**

Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)

- **CARE FOR CREATION**

We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.

- **ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them.
(Missional)

- **NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION**

We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)

- **CULTIVATE BEAUTY**

We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy.
(Missional)

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