

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 22, 2023
10:00 am - Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We come together as the new week dawns to worship God, meet in fellowship, and gather strength and hope for our work in the world.

For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks, the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book.

Prelude	“Aria in F Major”	George Frederic Handel
The Entrance Hymn Blue Hymnal 126	“The People Who Walked in Darkness”	<i>DUNDEE</i>

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People together say

The Collect for Purity

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 "Glory to God" Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9: 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

David Haas



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Words: Psalm 27:1, GIA Publications, Inc.
Music: David Haas (b. 1957); 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.
Psalm text: from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006 ELC of America,
administered by Augsburg Fortress Publishers

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

[Refrain]

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

[Refrain]

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The Gospel Acclamation
Green Hymnal 847

"Alleluia with Verses"

Antiphon *Cantor, then All*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make

you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Ryan Whitley

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the church and for the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ. Heal our divisions, and give us one mind in Christ. For this we pray to you, O lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Stir up your church to make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne our priests; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Strengthen us to care for the poor, the impoverished and all who suffer. Open our hands and hearts to embrace all who are in need, especially Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Marsha, Mari, Madison, Don, Ed, Yvonne, Christie, Howard, Ann, Jean, Joe, Jan, Brooke, Greg, Elizabeth, Tecla, Frances, Deborah, Kathy, Tina, Pat and those we now name. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; Ken our Mayor; and all those in civic authority, and for peace and mutual respect among nations. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We remember before you especially James Lee Grubb and all whom we love but see no more. Give them eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Empower your faithful to freely give of ourselves to you and your creation. Bless the hands, hearts, and minds who will grow Benison Farm into a life-giving resource in this beloved community, our home. For this we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

O God, you revealed your will to prophets and sages. By your Holy spirit, show us how to serve you today, that all nations may know you in our love, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Please kneel.

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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.**

Celebrant 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

All stand.

Celebrant Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION
To sustain us until he comes for the final time
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him

The Offertory

Chancel Choir

“Send Forth Thy Light”

Milv Balakirev

*Send forth thy light, sent forth thy truth, and let them lead me to thy holy hill.
My soul shall praise the Lord in heaven, whose glory yet I will sing,
who is the hope of my salvation, and my God. [Ps 43:3,5]*

Please stand.

*With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

† The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

Green Hymnal 875

“Be Known to Us”

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Be

Congregation

1.

All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you desire a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host is available.

As part of our life together at St. Thomas Church, we continue a ministry practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ – the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. If you wish additional prayer for any reason, please gather around the Baptismal font after you receive Holy Communion. We welcome you to participate in this life-enriching ministry.

Communion Hymn
Blue Hymnal 304

“I Come With Joy to Meet my Lord”

LAND OF REST
Omit vs. 3

The Post-communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends,

The Epiphany Blessing

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

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

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

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal 707

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

HOLLINGSIDE

The Dismissal

Deacon Led on by the light of Christ, now made manifest to the world, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

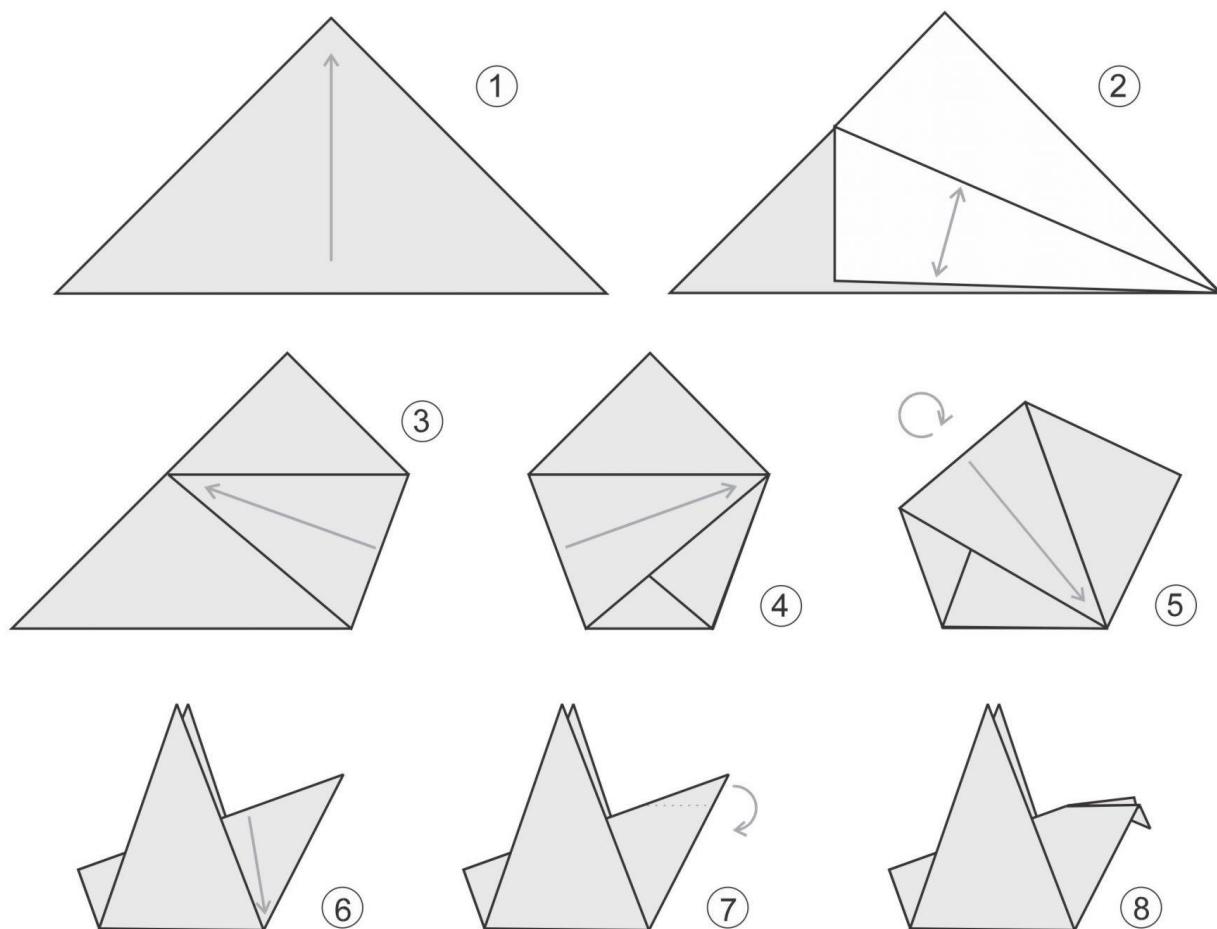
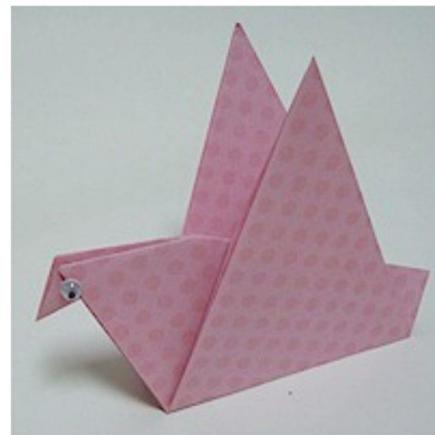
"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello

Cover Painting "Jesus Calls His Disciples" by He Qi

Origami Bird

1. Fold paper in half diagonally. Crease.
2. Fold top point of front piece down to bottom fold. Crease and open up.
3. Fold right hand point to edge of crease. Crease well.
4. Fold left hand point to edge of crease. Crease well.
5. Rotate as shown in diagram.
6. Fold in half towards the back. Do not fold the wings. Allow them to stay flat pointing upwards as shown in diagram.
7. Crease the right side point down ward. Open up. Crease down in the other direction. Use your index finger to push the crease section inside the fold to form the beak.



Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founder's Room.!

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

ST. THOMAS' ART PROJECT

Please join the St. Thomas 'Art Project in the parish hall at 7pm on Wednesday, January 18th, for a workshop to create origami doves.

In Christian tradition, doves represent the Holy Spirit, hope, and peace. With members of the Canterbury School of Florida community, we hope to create several thousand doves inscribed with individual prayers and meditations. The workshop takes place after Supper, Song, and Prayer and Compline and is open to parishioners and guests of all ages. The doves will be suspended in St. Thomas' main worship space during Eastertide.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND CHILI COOKOFF

January 29 following the 10am service (No 8am Service on the 29th)

BENISON FARM : THANK YOU!!!

On Monday, January 16th, more than 25 parishioners and clergy from St. Thomas and St. Augustine's along with others from Canterbury School and the community met at Benison Farm to participate in a morning of service in honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and spirit. With diligence and care, these faithful toiled joyfully while sprucing the place up and enhancing its potential. Others who could not attend in person thoughtfully offered up prayers of intercession for those working. What a blessing indeed to be alongside one another to mature this beloved community and to experience a foretaste of Heaven. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

If you would like to know more about additional opportunities to volunteer at Benison Farm, please contact the Rev. Dcn. Martha Goodwill at 727.639.2123 / marthag@stthomasstpete.org or Bill Barns at 757.646.5146 / wfbarns75@icloud.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, Gina and Mike White will invite children to consider how Paul's words can help them live together as a church group.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart, David Gould, Caroline Whitley, Jace Viera
Altar Guild: Barb Bice, Diane Robinson
Camera Operator: Molly White
Coffee Host: Laura Reitan
Flower Guild: Pam Holley, Elizabeth Walters-Alison
Healing: Joan and Bill Barns
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Liz Stiles
Lector 10am: Tom Alison, Grace Smith
Musicians: Chancel Choir
Oblations: Jim and Anne Elstun
Prayers of the People: Joan Barns
Ushers: Tom Brady, Chris Finch

The Rev. Anne Hartley, Curate
The Rev. Martha Goodwill, Deacon
The Rev. Hayden Crawford, Assisting Clergy
Rick Smith, Director of Music
The Rev. Randy Hehr, Interim Organist
Joe Master, Director of Finance
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Jon Ward, Sexton

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