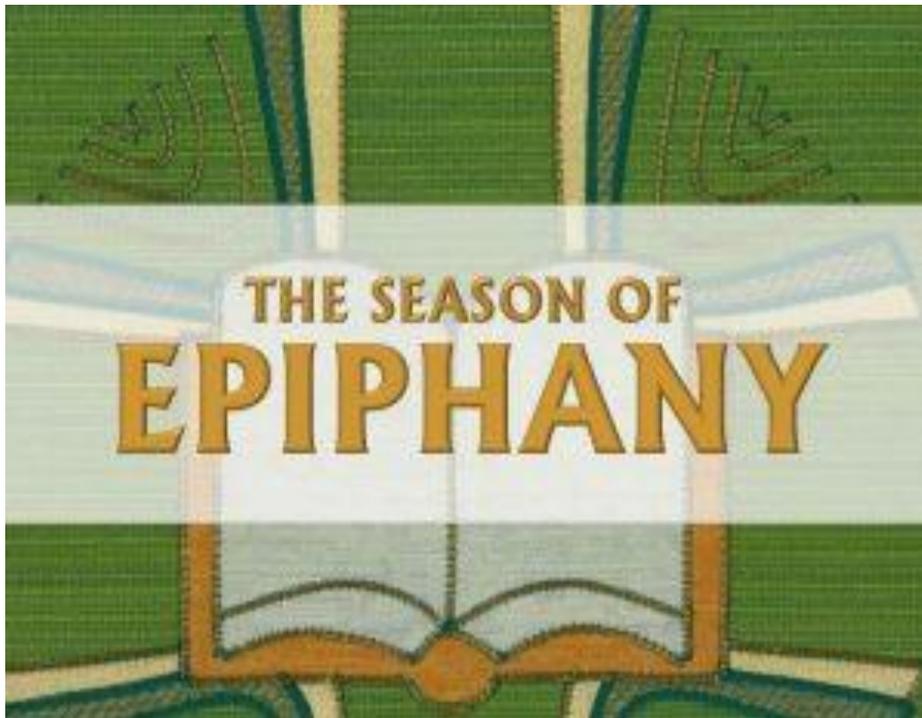




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We, the baptized ministers,
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to grow as a Church
in the spiritual strength
of community,
and to care, reach out,
and include all people in Christ's love.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Ante-Communion Virtual Worship

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00 AM

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prelude

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

L. Osiander

Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Opening Hymn "When Christ's appearing was made known"

132, Blue Hymnal



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King He - rod
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heaven - ly
4 Oh, what a mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry, Je - sus, be to thee for this thy



1 trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers
2 on his guid - ing star; by light their way to
3 Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, to whom no
4 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and
5 glad e - piph - a - ny: whom with the Fa - ther



1 heaven - ly birth sought not the king - doms of this earth.
2 Light they trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
3 sin was known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
4 forth it flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

Charlie Rhodes

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:1-10 *(responsively, by half verse)*

1 There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 He flatters himself in his own eyes *
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

- 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in no good way; *
he does not abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Charlie Rhodes

A Reading from the Book of First Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia



The Holy Gospel John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. David Smith

The Nicene Creed

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people is a time for us to share our prayers with one another as we lift them together to God.

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us, in a dark world, to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishops, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; our staff, Fran, Natalie, Joy, Walter, Mollie, Mary, and Nicole; and the teachers at the Early Learning Center. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember: St. Michael's—Arlington, St. Phillip's—Richmond, Trinity—Fredericksburg, and we pray for Ascension Church in Beraud, Haiti [*pause*]. This day and always,
Christ, be our Light.

Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last. We pray for Joe, our President, and Glenn, our Governor [*pause*]. This day and always,
Christ, be our Light.

Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice [*pause*]. This day and always,
Christ, be our Light.

Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you [*pause*]. This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine in the saints and departed, O God; teach us to follow their lead to outrageous faith and eternal love. We remember all those whom you would name in our prayers [*pause*]. This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows. In our prayers, we remember Susan, Andrei, Ethan, Emma, Johnny, Julie, David, Anne, Martha, Lucy, Kadri, Jim, Michelle, Madeleine, Eliana, Phyllis, Hilary, Frankie, Megan, Michael, Jack, Bonnie, Greet, Peter, Melissa, Olga, Scott, Amaya, Jen, Brendan, Brian, and Barbara, those with COVID-19, and all those you would name [*pause*]. This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine on those who rejoice, O God; all good gifts come from you, and we are thankful for our many blessings, especially for Bruce Allan, and Gavin ten Siethoff celebrating their birthdays this week, and those blessings you would name [*pause*]. This day and always,

Christ, be our Light.

Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. **Amen.**

Adapted from *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan K. Bock, Church Publishing Inc., © 2008, Kindle Edition, by The Very Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith.

A Prayer for the Search for a New Bishop

Almighty God, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who calls, guides and empowers us as your Church: Create in us discerning minds as we seek to elect a bishop in this diocese. So many issues are open before us; so many wounds that need healing; so many gifts that need celebrating. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name, and open our ears to the hurts and hopes around us; broaden our vision to see what we do not want to see; and enliven our hearts with honesty and compassion to do the hard work that lies before us. Guide us as we seek an inspirational leader and willing advocate to help us meet the challenges, and lead us to become the people you have equipped us to be in your service. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Together let us pray for St. Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St. Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Absolution

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.**

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loves us, and gave himself an offering and a sacrifice to God.



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Offertory Hymn "I love to tell the story"

#64, LEVAS- Red Hymnal

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn "All praise to you, O lord"

#138, Blue Hymnal

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might - y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be-dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the

man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Words: Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891), alt. Music: *Carlisle*, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran
Preacher	Rev. David
Digital Usher	Natalie
Lector & Intercessor	Charlie Rhodes
Digital Verger	Walt Lazear



ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Transforming Gift: A Study on Paul's Letters

Paul tells an astonishing story. It's a story about meeting Jesus Christ. In Jesus's actions and words, Paul discovers God's life transforming gift. It is the gift God gives through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. What's astonishing is that the One born in a manger, who grew up in poverty, was crucified like a criminal and then resurrected, created a gift that saves our lives and the world. As John M. G. Barclay writes, this gift of grace "is unconditioned. It does not depend on human accounts of worth but gives worth—the only worth that counts—the worth of being loved by God."

Our study will meet every other week. The week before our time together, Rev. David will send out a resource he's written on the topic. Our group meetings are not exams. The goal each time we meet is to welcome where we are and discover how we can support and encourage one another in our faith.

On the weeks we meet, you are invited to choose to come either Monday evening or Thursday morning. Our first meetings will be tomorrow, Monday, January 17 and Thursday, January 20. Our last will be May 16 and 19. We will meet on Zoom. Here are the times:

Monday Evenings 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday Mornings 10:30 to 11:30 am

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: God's Transforming Gift Bible Study

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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If you would like to join, please send an email to Rev. David at davidsmith927@gmail.com.



*Celebrating Walter's Last Day as our Minister of Music
Next Sunday, January 23, 2022*

Virtual Worship as one Congregation

At 10:00 AM



THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022!

Virtual Worship at 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting follows



Pies for Haiti & Afghan Refugees

Pat Smith will make you either a 9-inch pie for \$25 or three (3) small pies of the same kind for \$30, the proceeds of which will go to assist Haiti in its recovery or for Afghan ally refugees settling in our area. Popular fruit pies are apple, apple-cranberry (I have frozen fresh cranberries), apple-raspberry, raspberry or blackberry (when available), strawberry-rhubarb (I have frozen rhubarb), tart cherry, blueberry, and Harvest Moon Pie (apples, cranberries, dried apricots – sweet and tart). Custard pies are lemon meringue, coconut cream, banana cream, and chocolate pudding pie.



Pat can make vegan fruit pies. Either call Pat on 703-338-0974 or email her at pysmith51@gmail.com with a week's notice. Fruit pies can successfully be frozen to enjoy at a future date, but custard pies cannot be frozen





Join David and Fran for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March of 2023.
It's an amazing experience to walk the land that Jesus walked and to see the sights that feature
in so many of our sacred stories!



A PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

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