

# The Holy Eucharist

November 28, 2021

10:00 am

The First Sunday of Advent



## Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the Greeter at the door.

We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals for children. Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate; we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email.

If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please speak to either the Greeter or the clergy. Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at [StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net](mailto:StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net).

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.

***We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!***

# The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

We Are Marching to Zion

LEVAS 12

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join  
2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But  
3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Be -  
4. Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry; We're

1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac -  
2. children of the heav'n - ly King, But children of the heav'n - ly  
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly  
4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne. —  
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad. —  
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets. —  
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. —

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful  
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,  
Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

## Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

*The following is said, all standing.*

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The First Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9** *Said responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

- <sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- <sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## **The Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*      **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *We sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verses 3-4 after.*

**Soon and Very Soon**

LEVAS 14

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
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3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. | 3. 4.  
— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

*All stand and turn to face the Gospel.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Mumita

**Nicene Creed** *Said by all, standing.*

**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 Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant concludes with an 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.**

**Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## **Morning Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord;

who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

## Wonder, Love, and Praise #858



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

*The people kneel.*

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread** *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Hymn**    *Sung by all.*

**I Lift Up My Soul - Psalm 25**

**Refrain: To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul O my God.**

**To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.**

**Yahweh, show your ways to me.**

**Teach me Your paths and**

**Keep me in the ways of Your truth,**

**For You are the God that saves me.    *Refrain***

**The Lord is so good, so holy.**

**Sinners find the way,**

**And in all that is right He guides the humble.**

**The poor he leads in His pathways.    *Refrain***

**All day long I hope in Your goodness.**

**Remember Your love,**

**The love that You promised long ago.**

**And the kindness that you gave from of old.    *Refrain***

**Postcommunion Prayer**    *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us**

**as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**    *The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.*

# Recessional Hymn *Sung by all.*

## When We All Get to Heaven

LEVAS 20

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;  
2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;  
3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-'ry day;  
4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man-sion bright and bless-ed, He'll pre-pare for us a place.  
2. But when trav-'ling days are o-ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.  
3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay;  
4. Soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all \_\_\_\_\_ get to heav-en, What a day of re-  
When we all get to heav-en, What a

joic-ing that will be! \_\_\_\_\_ When we all \_\_\_\_\_ see  
day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all see

Je-sus, We'll sing and shout the vic-to-ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
Je-sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic-to-ry.

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Please come to the coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

## **Prayers**

Prayer is a very important part of our life at St. Thomas.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)** deliver communion and prayers to the ill and homebound each month. To sign up for this important ministry, please call 508-824-9595.

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for five households each week. This is a way for us to reach out in prayer to all our members on a systematic and regular basis. This week we pray for the Reid, Richards, Richardson, Roby, and Roderick families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**Prayers for the Homebound and Ill** members of our parish include.....Mark M., Sharon DiRubio, Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Virginia Ames, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Jessica Pollard, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White, and Esther Wilbur.

**Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas...** Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** this week we pray for the Parishes of the Alewife Deanery: Church of Our Saviour, Arlington; St. John's Church, Arlington; Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington; The Standing Committee; Brotherhood of St. Gregory.

**Memorial flowers** are given in memory of Harrie & Marie Forbes; Charles & Elizabeth Handford; F. Chester & Mabel Hayward; Allen & Beulah Bray; Muriel & Edward Julien by Susan & Eric Julien; Mary Sparks Sharp & Arthur Sharp, Jr. by Mrs. Arthur Sharp; and Georgette Appleton Beal by Friends.

## **Participants**

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Ed Seaholm, *Organist*

Louis Raposa, *Guitarist*

## 2021 Fundraisers

December: **Calendar Raffle**

Ongoing: **St. Thomas Wear**

Adult sizes range from Small through Extra-Extra-Large

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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