

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2023**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Many parishioners arrive to church early to prepare for worship through silent prayer and reflection. This is also a time when worshipers review the week's scripture readings and notices. Please be considerate of those near you during this meditative period of our worship together.

*Please take this lesson insert home with you
to study the lessons during the week
and to keep abreast of upcoming events*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 27:1, 5-13



- 1 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 a/fraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the
LORD; / one thing I / seek; *
that I may dwell in the house
of the / LORD all the / days of my / life;
- 6 To behold the fair / beauty of the / LORD *
and to / seek him / in his / temple.
- 7 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 up/on a / rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts / up my / head *
above my / enemies / round a/bout me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation with / sounds of great / gladness; *
I will sing and make / music / to the / LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O / LORD, when I / call; *
have / mercy on / me and / answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, / “Seek my / face,” *
Your / face, LORD, / will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your / **face** / from me, *
nor turn away your / servant / in dis/pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; case me / not a/way; *
do not forsake me, O / God of / my sal/vation.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Reading from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

All stand, as they are able.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TODAY’S MUSIC

Opening Hymn No. 126

Gospel Hymn No. 533

Anthem:

Arise, Shine

Communion Hymn No. WLP758

Closing Hymn No. 527

Dundee

Lyons

Richard Shephard

Pescador

Ton-y-Botel

Voluntaries:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders TODAY:

- 180th Annual Meeting and Potluck
- 2023 Vestry Organizational Meeting; Parish Lounge, after potluck

Reminders THIS WEEK:

- Tues, St. Mary's Circle, 12pm
- Wed., Holy Eucharist, noon

Ash Wednesday falls on February 22 this year and there will be a 12:00 noon and 7 p.m. service. If you would prefer a 7:00 a.m. service, please contact the office to let them know.

Large print copies of the recent RenewalWorks presentation are available in the parish office.

Daily Office Booklets are available in the office if you are interested in following along with the services of Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook.

The **Audio-Visual Tech Team** welcomes new team members! Come be part of this fun, behind-the-scenes ministry to help get St. Thomas's message out to the world. Training is provided! Please contact Alexis Stark with questions: stark.alexis@gmail.com

If you have a supply of communion cups gathering dust at home, please return them to the church.

Coffee Hour will resume its usual pattern in February: Ushers in January & August; Vestry in March & June; St. Mary's Circle in April & October; leaving February, May, July, September, November, and December for volunteers. A selection of treats is sufficient. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the parish hall.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the tan sheet in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

SERVING THIS WEEK: 10 A.M.

Presider:	The Rev. Rick Stravers	Chalice:	The Rev. Trish Harris & Kathy Dingwall
Deacon:	The Rev. Trish Harris	Altar Chapter:	Noreen Sidnam & Mira Weurges
Sub-Deacon:	Karmel Addis	Ushers:	Joe Cummins, Roy Hillman
Lector:	Kent Bieberich	Greeter:	Emilie Cummins
Intercessor:	Keith Phillips	A/V Tech:	Joerg Himmelreich
Crucifer:	Jodi Nickerson		