

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 12, 2025**



**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**Camden, Maine**

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Children are always welcome in the church.  
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn 135

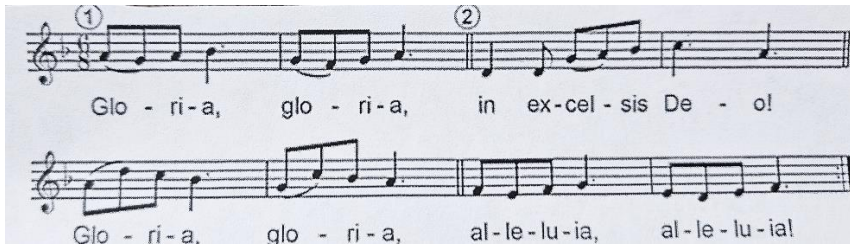
Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

## Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

## Gloria



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah [43:1-7]

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [8:14-17]

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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**Sequence Hymn 513**

Like the murmur of a dove's song

*Bridegroom*

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [3:15-17, 21-22]**

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Barbara Briggs
<b>Renewal of Baptismal Vows</b>	page 272
<b>Prayers of the People Form IV</b>	page 388
<b>Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, travel etc.</b>	
<b>The Peace</b>	page 360
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>Offertory Hymn (page 6) Spirit of God descend upon my heart</b>	LEVAS 119
<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B</b>	page 367
<b>Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy</b> Hymnal S130	<i>Franz Peter Schubert</i>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	page 364
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	Hymnal S164 <i>Franz Peter Schubert</i>
<b>The Communion</b>	<i>This is God's table, all are welcome.</i>

*Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail.  
You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 116

I come! The great Redeemer cries

*This Endris Nyght*

The Dismissal

Postlude

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***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Barbara Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**9:30 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frankel

Readers: Clarissa Brown, Pat Ayers

Intercessor: Benjy Lowry

Usher: Bobby Purkey, Diane Purkey

**People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Timothy Joel, Robin Joel, Cheryl White, Dana, Nancy Remchuk, Mya Delisle, Carlos, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Tony, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Leah, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Sandy, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R., Greg McDermott, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla

**For the Repose of the Souls:** Ginny Terrell and Jan Dolcater

**January Birthdays:** Eric Gabrielsen (1/1), Ronan Popejoy (1/1), Grayce Sivigny (1/2), Edward Williamson (1/8), Thomas Pike (1/10), Robbie Lewis (1/11), Jan Conrad (1/18), Patricia Hopkins (1/20), Christine Zdrojeski (1/20), John Lewis (1/30)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Alban's, Cape Elizabeth; St. John, Bangor; and for new members of the church, penitents, and seekers

***This Week at St. Thomas'***

**Sunday, January 12:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)  
Help us put the Creche away after the service  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

**Tuesday, January 14:**

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

**Wednesday, January 15:**

Holy Eucharist with Healing will resume March 12, 2025  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

**Sunday, January 19:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Ben Cooke (*Coffee Hour Follows*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

***Upcoming Events:***

January 26, 2025 Annual Meeting

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

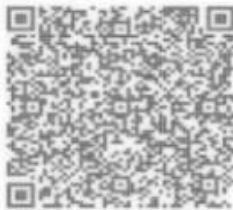
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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