

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 9, 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 655

O Jesus I have promised

*Nyland*

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### Gloria

① Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, ② in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Children and chaplains come forward and are dismissed by the Celebrant for Children's Chapel after the Collect is said.*

### The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah [6:1-8]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

*People:* Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians [15:1-11]**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn 649**

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

*Dickinson College*

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [5:1-11]**

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Offertory Hymn 812 (in *Wonder Love and Praise*)      **Here I am, Lord**      *Daniel Schutte*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin,  
 My hand will wave.  
 who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them?

**REFRAIN**

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.  
 Whom shall I send?*

I

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 Give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak My Word to them  
 Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN**

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
 I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them,  
 My hand will save  
 Finest bread I will provide,  
 Till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give My Life to them,  
 Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B** page 367

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal S130** Franz Peter Schubert

**The Lord's Prayer** page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei Hymnal S164** Franz Peter Schubert

**The Communion** *This is God's table, all are welcome.*

*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.*

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 366

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn**

**The Dismissal 366** Holy God, we praise thy name *Grosser Gott*

**Postlude**

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown

**9:30 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Lyle, Derek Reed

Readers: Pat Ayers, Pam Bardon

Intercessor: Sue Foltz

Usher: Edmund Hartt, Jan Lyle

## People in our Prayers

**Healing:** Ted and Kit Wagner, Tony, Nancy Remchuk, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, 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, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Virginia, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**February Birthdays:** Susan Such (2), Cathy Harrell (6), Barbara Lawrence (11), Ronald Zdrojeski (11), Sarah Groman (18), Teague Buchanan (21), Isa Babb (28), Rachel Bok-Goldman (28), Virginia Johns (29)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Ann's, Windham; St. Andrew's, Newcastle; and for the work of United Thank Offering

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

#### **Sunday, February 9:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Tuesday, February 11:**

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

#### **Wednesday, February 12:**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

#### **Sunday, February 16:**

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon (*Coffee Hour Follows*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

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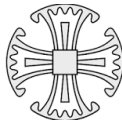
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