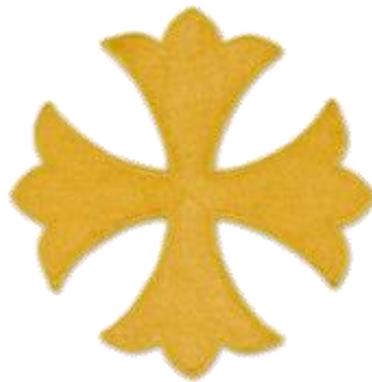


**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

*"To Know Christ's Love and To Make It Known."*



**+ The Table +**

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

January 31, 2021

## The Word

GATHERING SONG

Forever

Led by: *Joey McGee*

Give to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

PRE-CHORUS

Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

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For us there is only One God and Father from whom streams all creation and for whom we exist.

**Praise God! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.**

And we have one Master through whom all things are made new and for whom we exist.

**I will give praise among fellow believers, I will join with the congregation.**

And we have one Holy Spirit, by whom the church is serviced and for whom we exist.

**Great are the works of our Triune- God! To be over-awed is the beginning of wisdom. May our praise go on forever!**

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

SONG OF PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Led by: Joey McGee*

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not—Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever shall be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand has provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Jesus be the center; be my source be my light – Jesus  
Jesus be the center; be my hope be my song – Jesus

Chorus

Be the fire in my heart;  
Be the wind in these sails;  
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus be my vision; be my path be my guide, Jesus

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Angela M. Cortiñas

THE PRAYERS

We gather in your name, Jesus, because we know who you are. You know our deepest needs and weaknesses and we look to you in hope

Silence

The world is hurting and restless for you, Lord. The earth is stressed and cries out for protection. Its peoples cry out in hunger and fear. We turn to you in need of deliverance.

Silence

We pray for your Church as it walks your Way of life. May your people and their leaders know deeply your loving, liberating and life giving presence.

Silence

We pray for those who govern all over the world, that they may pursue justice and practice peace. Equip them with the courage and resources to respond to the needs of their people.

Silence

For those who have lost their freedom to addiction, for those who wrestle with worry. for those who struggle with mobility, communication and relationship. For those who are ill and facing surgery or treatments. For those who will soon give birth and those who have lost a pregnancy. We look to you for care of all these to give them hope through your presence.

Silence

We commend to you the souls of those who have died and ask you to comfort those whose hearts ache with grief.

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

**Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION

Walk in love as Christ loves us, an offering and sacrifice to God

### The Table

PREPARING TABLE SONG

New Every Morning

*Led by: Joey McGee*

The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed will never cease;  
And His compassions, they will never fade away.  
They are new every morning; they are new everyday.  
Great is Thy faithfulness.

The Lord's amazing grace abounds to us everyday;  
And His great mercies, they will never fade away  
They are new every morning; they are new everyday.  
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Let us lift up our hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your justice stands in splendour and majesty, and you nourish the faithful with mercy and kindness.

You are the one God who created all things and for whom we exist.  
From the beginning you have revealed your mighty deeds and upheld a covenant with your chosen ones.

You raised up among your people a prophet greater even than Moses,  
your Son and our teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. With words and deeds of authority he has taught us, not the knowledge that puffs up, but the love that builds up.

You put your holy words in his mouth, and at his word even the demons fall silent.  
When he was killed, you raised him to life, and now it is through him that we exist,  
and in him, that the crippling grip of death is broken forever.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

As Christ teaches us, we pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

***+++ All are invited to share in the banquet of Christ's Table. +++***

COMMUNION SONG

A Communion Welcome

*Led by: Joey McGee*

All who are weary, Come unto me  
Come to the table, Come to the feast  
Lay down your burden, Here at my feet  
Come take your rest, Come find your peace

CHORUS:

This is my body, broken, broken for you  
This is my blood, poured out, poured out for you  
Come be renewed

Come eat and drink, Come be restored  
All here are welcomed, Come be made whole  
Lay down your burden, Here at my feet  
Come take your rest, Come find your peace

FINAL CHORUS:

This is my body, broken, broken for you  
This is my blood, poured out, poured out for you  
Come be renewed, Come be renewed

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING OUT/BLESSING

May the authority of Christ Jesus keep you from all evil.  
**Amen.**

May He endow you with great love and fill you with joy and praise.  
**Amen.**

May you share your blessings and experience the special happiness of the generous.  
**Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always.  
**Amen!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

CLOSING SONG

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) Led by: Joey McGee

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You, we long for You  
When we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

CHORUS:

Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new  
When we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

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## St. Thomas Prayer List

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
("Prayer for Those We Love," Book of Common Prayer 831)

### For Healing & Support

Kim DeBose (Woodcock)  
Ernie Harvell (Niles)  
Phyllis Brown (Brown)  
Mike Taylor (Brown)  
Mike Wilson  
Grace Kieffer  
The Brumbelow family  
Todd Reynolds  
Jim Dunn (Isenhart)  
David Whitelock (Isenhart)  
Johanna Heilman  
Joy (Cortiñas)  
Jim Heilman  
Audrea (Hill)  
Patsy Brending (Elbert)  
Cindy Howell  
Martha Botts  
Boe Martin  
Emily Clements  
Shelby Lee (Niles)  
Douglas Jensen (STELC)  
Michael Kelley (Hill)  
Quinn Kennedy Weigand (Glover)  
Sue Muckleroy (Martha)  
Linda Duncan (Martha)  
Qwinley  
Emma Dahmann and family (STELC)  
Shirley Rawlinson (Krinhop)  
Woody Isenhart

Charlie Van Eman (STELC)  
Steve Parker and family  
Mackie Bobo-White  
Mark Oakland  
David (Kerr)  
Steve & Virginia Bate (Elbert)  
Phillip Y. (STELC)  
Joey Pomykal  
Jerry Cornforth (Allen)  
Bryan Ford  
Judi Stewart (Love)  
Joyce Gorzycki  
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)  
Corinna  
Mary Oxley

### Deaths

Kay Parker

### Military Service & Traveling

Christian Walker (Niles)  
Brent Owen  
Andrew & Allyson Brink & family (Hill)  
Shane Flores (McKenzie)  
Blane Theeck  
Nathan Tyron (Rueschhoff)  
Tanner Johnson (Krinhop)  
Rob & Andrea Holt (Holt)  
John Harrison  
Shane Baker (Parker)

### Community

For St. Thomas parishioners.

### Serving in today's liturgy:

Celebrant: Rev. Angela Cortiñas

Worship Musicians: Joey McGee and Mike Pilant