

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
Founded 1660



January 10, 2021

We Welcome One and All!

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

The liturgical color today is white in celebration!

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven
and earth!

AMEN!

Prayer

Song

‘Morning Has Broken’

BUNESSAN

**Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we bring to you, as honestly as we can, our mixed record as people of faith. Forgive us O Lord, for the ways our particular sins have marred the quality of life for others and for ourselves. Forgive us when we gravitate toward darkness rather than your creative and life-sustaining light or find ourselves lost in the gray areas. Forgive us the ways we have already, this new year, fallen short of the high quality of love shown by Jesus. We humbly pray for your forgiveness, your cleansing, your rehabilitation and for a renewed enthusiasm for the Gospel and its words of light and love. In the name of Christ our Redeemer, Amen!

Song

‘Breathe On Me, Breath of God’

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love the way You love
And do what You would do

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Yours
To do and to endure

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine

Assurance of Pardon

Song

‘Jesus, the Light of the World’

Bible/Elderkin

**See the Bright and Morning Star
Jesus, the Light of the World
He has risen in our hearts
Jesus, the Light of the World**

Refrain

**Walk in the Light, beautiful Light
Come where His love and His mercy shine bright
Shine all around us by day and by night
Jesus, the Light of the World**

**He's the Lamp that lights our way
Jesus, the Light of the World
Step by step and day by day
Jesus, the Light of the World (*refrain*)**

**No more darkness, no more night
Jesus, the Light of the World
He will shine forever bright
Jesus, the Light of the World (*refrain*)**

...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

Message

“Breathe”

...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory

“Nothing but a Child”

Earle

Once upon a time, in a far off land
Wise men saw a sign and set out across the sand
Songs of praise to sing, they traveled day and night
And precious gifts to bring, they were guided by the light

They chased a brand new star, ever towards the west
Across the mountains far, but when it came to rest
They scarce believed their eyes, they'd come so many miles
The miracle they prized was nothing but a child

Nothing but a child could wash those tears away
Or guide a weary world into the light of day
And nothing but a child could help erase those miles
So once again, we all can be children for a while

Now all around the world, in every little town
Every day is heard a precious little sound
And every mother kind and every father proud
Looks down in awe to find another chance allowed

Nothing but a little baby
Nothing but a child

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Remembering Your Baptism

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Song

'Arise, Your Light Is Come'

FESTAL SONG

**Arise, your light is come
The Spirit's call obey
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today**

**Arise, your light is come
Fling wide the prison door
Proclaim the captive's liberty
Good tidings to the poor**

**Arise, your light is come
All you in sorrow born
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
And comfort those who mourn**

**Arise, your light is come
The mountains burst in song
Rise up like eagles on the wing
God's power will make us strong**

Benediction

Postlude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

BACH

Kenneth Dake

Children and Worship series: **"The Boy Jesus in the Temple"**

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Kenneth Dake
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,
Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

STRC Virtual Birthday Celebration

Today is Birthday Sunday! Join our virtual celebration by logging onto a Zoom session after the Children and Worship segment. Here is the info you use to log onto the Zoom meeting.

Zoom Meeting ID: 824 8316 2684

Passcode: 007501

Contact Elisabeth Anderson at mewanderson@gmail.com

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

**1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51**

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this winter on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

The Men's Ministry Bible Study also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information: 340-474-0472 or forrestbroom@gmail.com.

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