

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



January 24, 2021

We Welcome One and All!

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

The liturgical color today is green in preparation.

“ 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

‘Christ, You Call Us All to Service’

IN BABILONE

**Christ, you call us all to service
Call us all who follow you
Plant in us a deep commitment
All your work and will to do
Fire a passion for your justice
In us, kindle love of peace
Help us heal the broken-hearted
To the captive bring release**

**Teach us how to work together
Brothers, sisters, side by side
Equal partners in the struggle
In the cause of truth allied
To each one some gift is given
Man or woman, young or old
Help us use each skill or talent
Your great purpose to unfold**

Let us be a servant people
Reconciling, ending strife
Seeking ways more just of sharing
And of ordering human life
Fill us with a glowing vision
Of this world as it should be
Send us forth to change that vision
Into blessed reality

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Savior Christ, we confess that though we have heard
You call our name, we have been reluctant to follow You.
We are too stubborn to live into Your ways of justice that
call us to dismantle structures that empower us over others.
We hesitate to turn away from systems that benefit us. We
squirm when called to repentance, and run the other way
when called to speak a word of truth. Forgive us, Lord.
Call us into repentance, and call us by name, so we may
turn our hearts to You. Savior Christ, help us to live into
Your way, Your truth, and Your life...

Song 'If My People's Hearts Are Humbled'

PLEADING SAVIOR

If my people's hearts are humbled
If they pray and seek my face
If they turn away from evil
I will not withhold my grace
I will hear their prayers from heaven
I will pardon every sin
If my people's hearts are humbled
I will surely heal their land

Then my eyes will see their sorrow
Then my ears shall hear their plea
If my people's hearts are humbled
I will set their nation free
If my people's hearts are humbled
If they pray and seek my face
If they turn away from evil
I will not withhold my grace

Assurance of Pardon

Song

'Be Thou My Vision'

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord
Born of thy love, thy child may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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

Scripture

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Message

"The Pastor's Dilemma!"

...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory

"The Blessing"

Waller/Denning

**Let it be said of us
While we walked among the living
Let it be said of us
By the ones we leave behind
Let it be said of us
That we lived to be a blessing for life**

**Let it be said of us
That we gave to reach the dying
Let it be said of us
By the fruit we leave behind
Let it be said of us
That our legacy is blessing for life**

**This day, You set life
You set death right before us
This day, every blessing and curse
Is a choice now
And we will choose to be a blessing for life**

Let it be said of us
That our hearts belonged to Jesus
Let it be said of us
That we spoke the words of life
Let it be said of us
That our heritage is blessing for life

‘Cause blessings and curses are choices
Will we build up, tear down?
The moment of truth is now
For Your kingdom
For our children
For the sake of every nation
We will choose to be a blessing for life

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Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Song ‘Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares’

FOREST GREEN

Make us, O God, a church that shares
Thy love for humankind
That lives the truth Thy Word declares
And heeds the Maker’s mind
Help us reach out with loving hands
In times that try the soul
With sympathy that understands
And makes the needy whole

**Make us, O God, a church that cares
For every human need
That suffers when one life despairs
And moves to intercede
Give to our voice prophetic power
That stirs each wavering heart
To meet the challenge of this hour
And take a noble part**

**Make us, O God, a church that dares
Courageously to act
That clothes with flesh its fervent prayers
And makes the Gospel fact
Now thrust us from the cloistered halls
Where we may want to hide
And send us forth where duty calls
To serve the Crucified**

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Sevenfold Amen”

Virtual Choir

Stainer

Children and Worship series

“Jesus in the Wilderness”

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel
Liturgist: Maggie James
Music: Chanelle Schaffer
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,
Andrea King, Lucy Sutton
Virtual Choir: Lori Abbotts, Joy Aird,
Geoffrey Barnard, Will Howe,
Andrea Lee, Steve Mange,
Fred Northup, Julie Northup,
Jeff Smith, Judy Spurrell,
Bonnie Troutman, Penny Woods

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this winter on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. 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.

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