

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



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We Welcome One and All!

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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Second Sunday after Christmas Day

*The liturgical color today is white in celebration
of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

A Celebration of Communion

*(If you wish to partake as the body of Christ, we invite you to
prepare the elements at home.)*

COMMUNION LITURGY

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope. We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed. We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world. We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink.

Here is the bread of life given for us;

let all who hunger come and eat.

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

let all who thirst come and drink.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise
at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.

Source of all life and goodness, You created heaven with all
its hosts and the earth with all its plenty and preserve us by
your providence. With your whole church on earth and with
all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full
Full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Most righteous God, we remember in this meal the perfect
sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his
suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the
power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for
the fullness of God's reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise
of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

From Psalm 103, with additions

The Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father, which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
And the glory, forever
Amen**

Benediction

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

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

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