

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



*January 31, 2021*

We Welcome One and All  
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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# Fourth 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

**‘God Has Spoken by the Prophets’**

*ODE TO JOY*

**God has spoken by the prophets  
Spoken the unchanging Word  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord  
‘Mid the world’s despair and turmoil  
One firm anchor holding fast  
God eternal reigns forever  
God the first and God the last**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus  
Christ, the everlasting Son  
Brightness of the Maker’s glory  
With the Maker ever one  
Spoken by the Word incarnate  
God of God ere time was born  
Light of light, to earth descending  
Christ, as God in human form**

God is speaking by the Spirit  
Speaking to our hearts again  
In the age-long Word declaring  
God's own message, now as then  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast  
God abides, the Word unchanging  
God the first and God the last

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving Lord, forgive us, our human faulty selves, for not listening to You, for not comprehending, for not simply sitting in Wisdom's understanding and contemplating Your teaching. Forgive our selfish impulses to try to reign You in and put harmful limitations on others. Call us into Your deeper ways of understanding, and may we truly love one another and love You, for this is what You have commanded. In the name of Wisdom, in the name of Jesus, in the name of the Spirit among us, we pray all things...

## Song

### 'Lord, We Hear Your Word'

*BEACH SPRING*

May we hear with understanding  
By your spirit taught and led  
May the springs of all our being  
By your Living Word be fed  
May our hearts accept with meekness  
All the grace your light makes known  
May obedience mark our footsteps  
Till we make each word our own

## Assurance of Pardon

Song 'Would I Have Answered When You Called'

KINGSFOLD

Would I have answered when You called  
"Come, follow, follow Me"  
Would I at once have left behind  
Both work and family  
Or would the old familiar round  
Have held me by its claim  
And kept the spark within my heart  
From bursting into flame

Would I have followed where You led  
Through ancient Galilee  
On roads unknown, by ways untried  
Beyond security  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
Where home and comfort drew  
Where truth You taught would not disturb  
The ordered world I knew

O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
Through all its tangled ways  
Nor can I with a certain mind  
My steadfastness appraise  
I only pray that when You call  
"Come, follow, follow Me"  
You'll give me strength beyond my own  
To follow faithfully

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

Scripture Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Message "It's All Up to You!"

## ...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory "Psalm for Trumpet"  
Kelly Dennis

Bay

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Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Song 'Lead On, Eternal Sovereign'

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, Eternal Sovereign  
We follow in Your way  
Loud rings Your cry for justice  
Your call for peace this day  
Through prayerful preparation  
Your grace will make us strong  
To carry on the struggle  
To triumph over wrong

Lead on, Eternal Sovereign  
We follow not with fear  
For in each human conflict  
Your words of strength we hear  
That when we serve with gladness  
You will not let us fall

**Our trust is in Your promise  
That love will conquer all**

**Lead on, Eternal Sovereign  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease  
And all Your saints together  
Will sing a hymn of peace  
Then all in Your dominion  
Will live with hearts set free  
To love and serve each other  
For all eternity**

**Benediction**

**Children and Worship series**

**“The Mustard Seed”**

## GIVING THANKS:

### Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together  
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel  
Liturgist: Leroy Dennis, Elder  
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Kelly Dennis  
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,  
Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

### Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**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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