



ST. THOMAS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

Holy Eucharist  
8:00 and 10:00 am

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*The way to God lies through love of people. At the Last Judgment I shall not be asked whether I was successful in my ascetic exercises, nor how many bows and prostrations I made. Instead, I shall be asked did I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoners. That is all I shall be asked.*

*Mother Maria Skobtsova*

*Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available during the 10am service in the Ebsworth Life Center. Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator. Follow the signs or please ask an usher or greeter to escort you to Room 109.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*At the sound of the bell, all rise as able and sing.*

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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 Music: Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

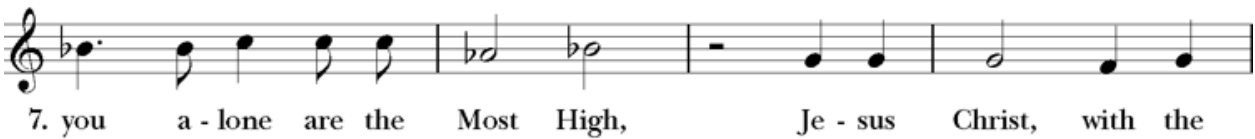
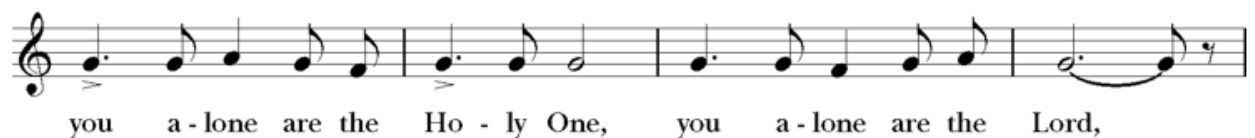
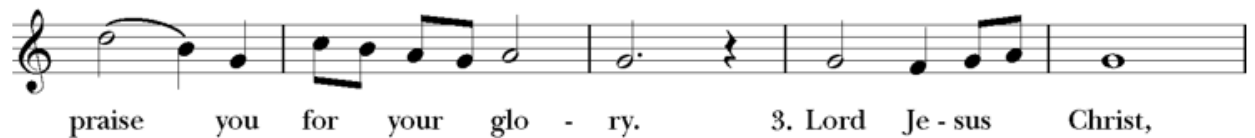
*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# GLORIA





*The Hymnal 1982 S 278 ©; Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48).

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

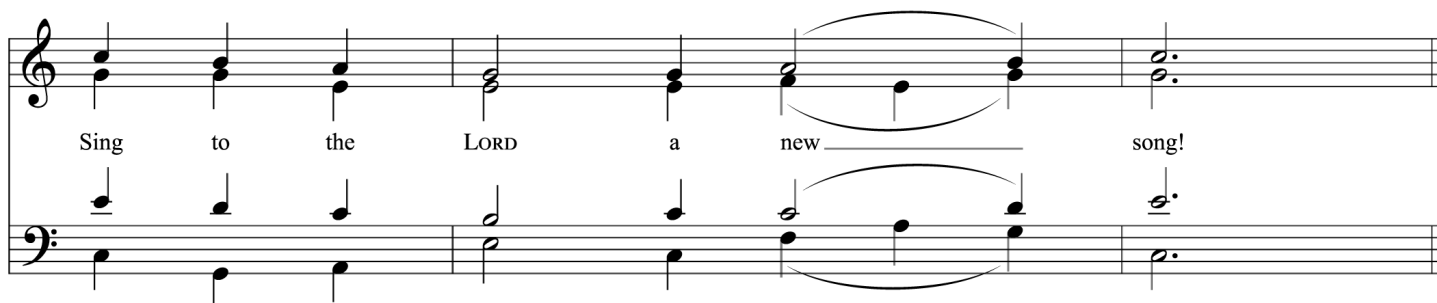
Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino*

8:00am *All say.*

10:00am *Join the choir in singing the Antiphon.*

**ANTIPHON**



1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

*Antiphon*

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*Antiphon*

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

*Antiphon*

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

*Antiphon*

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## THE SECOND READING

*Lector* A Reading from the first letter of John (5:1-6).

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

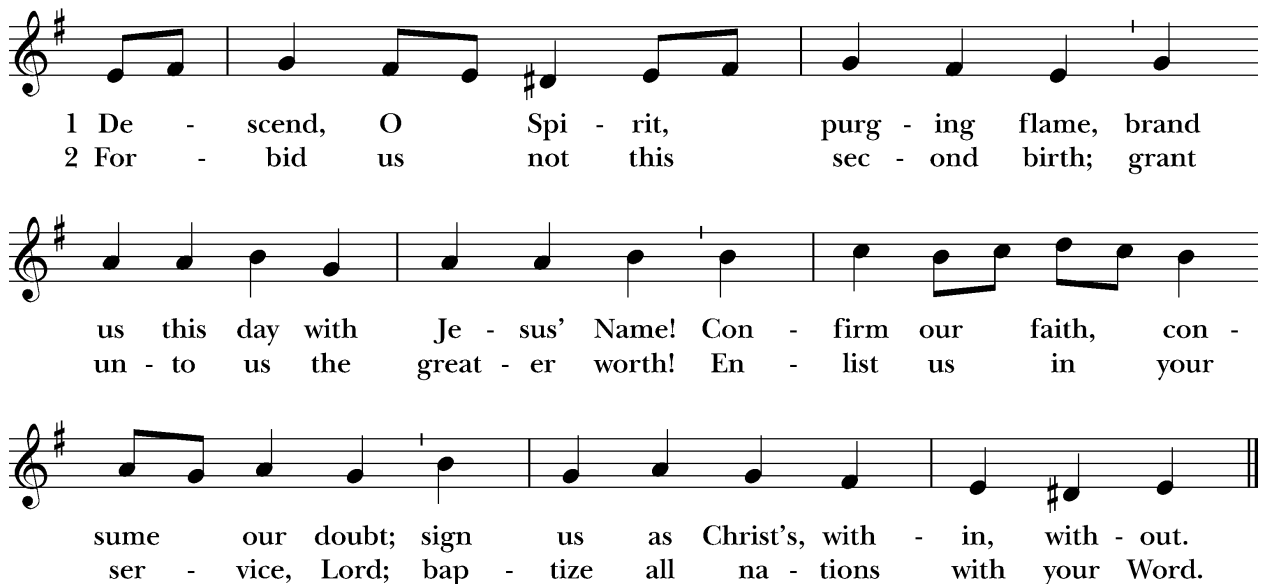
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able.*

*10:00AM All sing.*

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

*The Hymnal 1982, 297 ©; Words: Scott Francis Brenner (b. 1903), alt.  
Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543*

## THE GOSPEL

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:9-17).

**All** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All may be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Edmund Harris

*Silence follows the sermon.*



*All rise as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*All* That we all may be one.

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*All* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*All* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*All* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*All* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially:

*All* Jacob, Anna, Todd, Carl, the Waite family, Layan, Richard, Karen, Patricia, Anne and family, Martha, 'H', Judy Gowdy & family, Maria, Ann, and Fletcher.



*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially:  
**All** **Merlin Waite, Lynn Coburn, Barbi Olstad, Susan Voorhees, Cathy McClary, Keith Howie, William Pelly, and Maxine Greidanus.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**All** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence is held.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will,  
though Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
**All** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and the people greet one another.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *If Ye Love Me*

Philip Stopford

*An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at [stthomasmedina.org/giving](http://stthomasmedina.org/giving).*



*All rise as able and sing.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the  
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion  
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)  
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All** Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**All** By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**All** Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**All** By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All sing.*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Hymnal 1982, S128 ©; Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)*

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant* Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All** We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

**All** AMEN.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All** Our Father who 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.  
Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*The bread is broken.*

*All sing.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

The Hymnal 1982, S165 ©; Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All may be seated for the time of Communion.*

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Pilgrim's Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

*All sing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



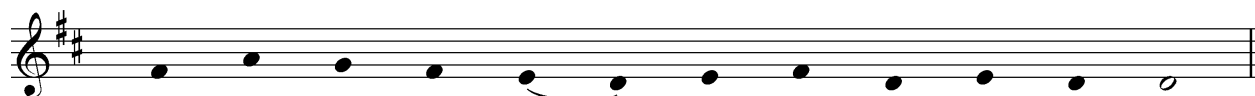
1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

The Hymnal 1982, 314©; Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. Hymnal 1940; st. 4, tr. Hymnal 1982  
Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

*All rise as able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

**All** Amen.

*Celebrant* May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

**All** Amen.

*Celebrant* May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

**All** Amen.

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

**All** Amen.

*All sing.*

## HYMN AT THE RECESSION

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

*Hymnal 1982*, 344 ©; Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)  
 Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in B-flat Major*

John Stanley



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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**The Rev. Liz Costello**

*Rector*



**The Rev. Edmund Harris**

*Associate Rector*



**The Rev. Shane Carlson**

*Curate*



**Jacki Sullivan**

*Pianist & organist*



**St. Thomas Choir**



**Greg Tiffany, tenor**

*Cantor*

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