

SAINT THOMAS
CHURCH

Prelude	“Prelude in A Minor”	O. Ravanelle
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The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #448 “O Love How Deep”

Before the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

After the Gospel

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon.....The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates (pg. 301, BCP)

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Piper and Zoey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents: I present Sloane and Grant to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with Gods help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with Gods help.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant (pg. 303, BCP)

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates (pg. 305, BCP) (Please kneel)

Priest Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn #686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift...be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism and Chrismation (Pg. 307, BCP)

The Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Pg. 308 BCP)

Following the prayer the Priest says

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal priesthood.***

Hymn “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“Shepherd” by CityAlite

Offered by soloist Doug Brannock

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering of Bread, Wine and Alms

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (Pg. 361, BCP)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*
Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing.....Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord — Hymnal #S130

Schubert

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.

Then the Celebrant continues page 362, BCP

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;...the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world..."Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.....All this we ask for your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,...for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Hymn S-164—Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail.)

Communion Hymn #313 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.

Though no one join me, still I will follow. Though no one join me, still I will follow.
Though no one join me, still I will follow. No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross before me.
The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back.

Indian folk Melody CCLI #940217

After Communion the Priest says
Let us pray.

Priest and People

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #410 “Praise my soul the King of heaven”

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude**“Postlude in F Sharp Minor”****J. Bernards**

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
my mom, Kathi Huot, by Michelle Cosnotti.*

We welcome our newest members into the body of Christ this morning:

Piper Kaczmira Isadore and Zoey Loretta Isadore, daughters of Dan and Hallie Isadore.

Sloane Nicolle Turcovsky and Grant DJ Turcovsky, daughter and son of John Turcovsky and Brandi Tomb.

We recognize those celebrating their birthdays this week: Katie Vautrain, Barry Verzinskie, Jennifer Sarver, and Darrell Hayes

We recognize those celebrating their anniversaries this week: Mike & Teri Aber, and Noel & Patsy Clive

We pray for and remember those who have died, especially Kathi Huot.

We at St. Thomas, members of the Body of Christ, are called by God to Grow;
Spiritually, in Parish Life, in Community Life, and as a Congregation.

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NV = Non-voting member

UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS:

Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room

Tuesdays and Thursdays Evening Prayer from 6:30 - 7pm in the church

Tuesdays at 11 am Bible Study in the Guild Room—**NEW TOPIC: The Parables of Jesus**

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Service in the Thomas House Chapel

**** Vestry Update:** We are pleased to announce that Deacon Nicole Starr (Nikki) has been assigned to St. Thomas as our new curate beginning Oct. 1. She will be serving along with Canon Shoucair and be available to use on a part-time basis similar to Fr. Guy Brown's schedule as a second-year curate. If you see her today, be sure to say hello.

**** The annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be held at 4 pm (NOTE NEW TIME!) on Sunday, Oct. 4. Please ensure all pets are crated and/or leashed.**

**** Anyone interested in being part of a discernment prayer group supporting St. Thomas in its time of transition and search for a new rector is still able to join and participate. Please speak with a vestry member if you are interested.**

**** All Saint's Sunday is Nov. 1. If you would like the name of a family member or friend who has died during the past year to be mentioned in the prayers, please contact the office via email (sttomoakmont@gmail.com) or phone 412-828-9680. The deadline for the list is Monday, Oct. 26.**

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Paul, Andrew, and Ben Pierce

First Lesson: Julie King

Psalm: Paul Pierce

Second Lesson: Elaine Chilcote

Leader, Prayers of the People: Lyric Davis

Verger: Richard Williams

Ushers: Patrick Upperman, Noah Hunter

Coffee Hour: Reception for Baptism recipients

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 23

10:30: 46

Total Donations: \$1,990.00