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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, January 28, 2018

## Announcements and Welcome

### Opening Hymn: God has spoken to his people

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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: Gloria, Gloria

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### The Lessons:

#### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader:       The Word of the Lord  
People:       *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**Hymn: God is Love**

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*The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

*People:            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant:        The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People:            Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

<b>The Sermon</b>	<b>Rev. Loree Penner</b>
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<b>pg. 358</b>
<b>Prayers of the People (Form III)</b>	<b>pg. 387</b>
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>pg. 360</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	<b>pg. 360</b>
<b>The Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries</b>	<b>pg. 830</b>
<b>The Offertory: Swing low sweet chariot</b>	
<b>The Doxology</b>	

**~~ The Holy Communion ~~**

<b>The Great Thanksgiving    Prayer B</b>	<b>pg. 367</b>
<b>Sanctus:</b>	<b>Scholtes</b>

**The Communion of the People** (St. Thomas' extends the invitation to all baptized members of any Christian Church to receive the consecrated bread and wine. Please come forward to one of the stations, or kneel or stand at the altar rail.)

**Communion Hymn: Word of God speak**

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: Ye servants of God**

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**Dismissal:**    **Celebrant:**    Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                  **People:**            *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*\*\* CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 29th \*\*\***

**Monday, January 29th:** 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, January 30th:** 6:30pm- EfM (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, January 31st**

**Thursday, February 1st:** 7pm- Music Practice (Sanctuary)

**Friday, February 2nd:** 7pm- AA Meeting Saturday (Room 7), 8pm- Music Man (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, February 3rd:** 8pm- Music Man (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, February 4th:** 9:30am- Worship Service, 11:30am- City Light Worship, 4pm- Music Man (Sanctuary)

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

**Altar Guild:** The flowers on the altar are given in Thanksgiving by the St. Thomas' Family. For the month of February dedications are available for Wafers, Wine, Eucharist Candles and flowers for the 4th Sunday. Dedications can be made in memory of someone, or also in honor of, thanksgiving for, or congratulations for other loved ones or events. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com), or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

**The next fresh fruit sale will be Saturday, February 10th.** Please turn your order forms in, or place your order online at [www.stthomastowson.org](http://www.stthomastowson.org).

**Join our phone tree:** If you would like to be notified of delays and closings at the church by telephone, please add your name to the list in the Narthex. Additionally, you can subscribe to our e-alerts and be notified by email, or by calling the church office and listening to the message on our phone system.

**Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes located on the table in the back of the church.**

## **2018 Toiletry Drive**



During the remaining months of winter (up until Easter) St. Thomas' we will continue to collect toiletries for students at Parkville High School (a member of the Loch Raven Network). The items below are in particularly high demand and the good folks at PHS cannot keep up with the need. Please consider donating as much and as often as you can. The items you get at hotels are perfectly sized and other items can be purchased in travel sizes.

- Lip Balm such as Chapstick, CarMax
- Small deodorants for men and women
- Body Lotion
- Shampoo/Body Wash
- Mouthwash
- Travel toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Hand sanitizer
- Tampons (these are given out privately)

Look for the basket in the Narthex and let's see if we can fill it again several times between now and Easter. For more information, or with any questions, please contact Beth Crosby at 410-804- 5629 or at [bcrosby.saintthomas@gmail.com](mailto:bcrosby.saintthomas@gmail.com).

**'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' --Matthew 25:40**

**Third Wall Productions presents Music Man at St. Thomas' Church on February 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8pm and on February 4 and 11 at 4pm.** The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize this; despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. Tickets are \$20, buy them online by clicking on the link below, or at the door.

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3212870>

**Check out all of St. Thomas' Partners in the Community that utilize our amazing facility:** Loch Raven Network, City Light Chapel, McAllens Toffee, Sudanese Ministries, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Johns Hopkins Parkinson's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Meals on Wheels, Baltimore County Police Juvenile and Family Counseling, Maestro Musicians Academy, Debra Barton: Spiritual Director, Third Wall Productions, and our private events.

**Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need:** Alyssa Formwalt, John Wyatt, Michael B., Joshua Birch, Keith, David Harper, Dan Licht, Leigh, Pete, Dowell S., Mary, Jan Jr., Bill D., Rick D., Nan F, Thomas Moran, Chris O., David J., Paula Card, Jeri Adams, Nan Woodring, Matti Kassir, Graham, Ronnie L., Louise D., Dottie D. and Diane Flayhart.

**And for those who are homebound:** Theresa Welsch, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, and Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter.

**We encourage you to reach out our homebound parishioners.** Schedule a call, plan a visit or send a card. Let them know that they are in our prayers. Contact information can be found in your directory or by contacting the church office at 410-821-5489 or [stthomastowson@gmail.com](mailto:stthomastowson@gmail.com)

**And for the repose of the soul of Thomas Zembower.**

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