

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

Welcome to St Thomas'! If this is your first time worshiping with us, we extend the hospitality of Christ and this community to you. Everything you need to participate in the service may be found in this booklet.

If our order and style of service is unfamiliar to you, don't worry. Just "go with the flow." God knows your heart. Take delight in God's glory, and let your heart be moved by the words and actions of the liturgy. It will become familiar in time.

Holy Eucharist

Rite I

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Liturgy of the Word

Organ Prelude *Have mercy on me, O Lord my God*

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Processional Hymn *We will extol you, ever blessed Lord*

Hymnal 404

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People Who bears our burdens and forgives all our sins.

The Celebrant says

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

Kyrie eleison

The following is said responsively

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

All sit.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27:10-18 (*read responsively by full verse, beginning with the lector*)

- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Sequence Hymn *Now let us all with one accord*

Hymnal 147

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Children's Talk and Sermon

The Rev'd Leslie Burkardt, Rector

The Children's Creed

I believe in God above.
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe in the Spirit too,
giving life to me and you. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon or Celebrant begins

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

The Prayer Leader and People continue responsively

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Prince, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of blessed Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Deacon or Celebrant concludes with this or another Collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with thy will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

The children initiate the exchange of the Peace, saying

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Celebrations of Our Common Life

Those wishing to give thanks for birthdays, anniversaries and other blessings are invited to come to the altar at this time.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As those at the altar return to their pews, all sing

O may this bounteous God
through all our lives be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts,
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and keep us from all ills
in this world and the next

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem *An Irish Blessing*

O. Goldsmith

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, and sing

Doxology

Hymnal 380 (st. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

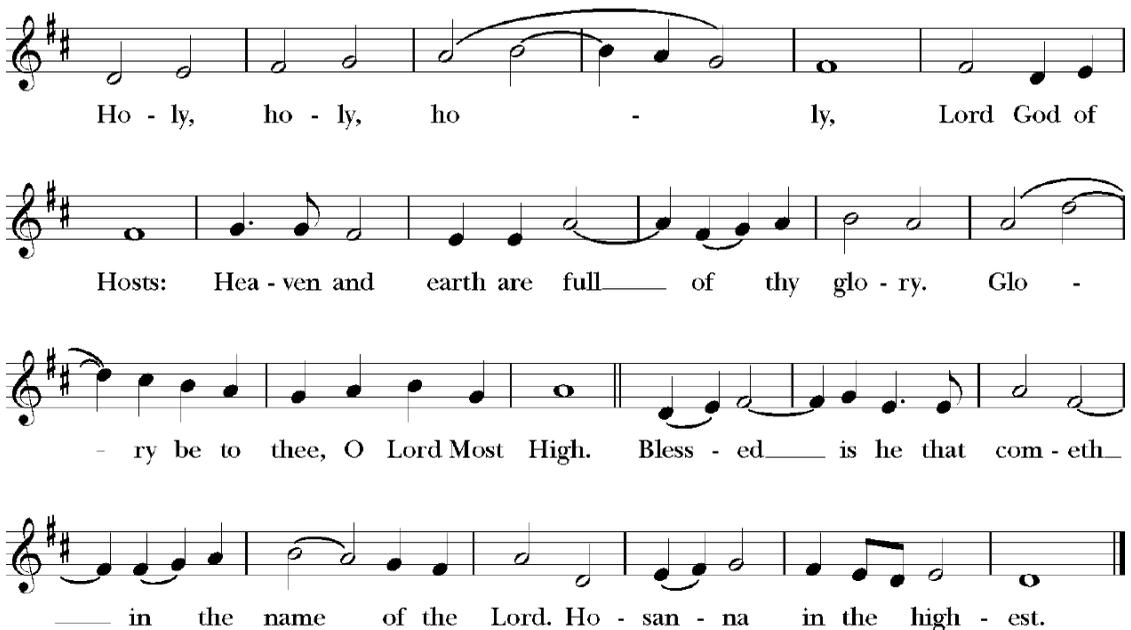
The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

And 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who come in faith are welcome at the Lord's table.

Gluten-free wafers are available at all Communion services. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please advise the person administering the consecrated Bread.

Unfermented grape juice is also offered at all liturgies. Begun as an act of ecumenical sharing, our Bishop has given permission for the use of grape juice in addition to wine whenever we celebrate the Holy Communion at St. Thomas'. If you would like to receive grape juice (which is served in the crystal chalice) please inform the person administering the Wine.

Communion Hymns *Let us break bread together*

Hymnal 325

Christ be beside me



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn *O God, our help in ages past*

Hymnal 680

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude *Praeludium in c minor*

J.S. Bach

A Word about Rite I

The official liturgy of The Episcopal Church is found in *The Book of Common Prayer* of 1979. That volume contains two versions of our principal services of Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer. Rite I derives much of its language from the first English *Book of Common Prayer* of 1549, which was preserved in successive American Prayer Books until the late twentieth century. The newer Rite II is framed in contemporary language, and is normally used at St. Thomas' outside the Sundays in Lent.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lectors:	Paula Gitlin, Greg Toth
Prayers:	Jere Fletcher
Chalice:	Debbie Cougler, Jan Gates Lois Giess, Ellie Nace
Crucifer:	Janet Sowden
Torchbearers:	Mike Cougler, Gordie Booth
Greeters/Ushers:	Paul Cipro, Marcy Meyering Tim Mabb, Susan Pickhardt
Hospitality Hosts:	Diane Shayler Charney, Ann Nadeau, Barb Tuke
VPOD:	Deb Eaton
Hospitality Hour:	Greeters/Ushers

PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Diocesan Prayer Cycle and our Parish Prayer Calendar, your intercessions are requested for: The Church of the Province of Central Africa; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Prince, our Bishop; Diocesan Council; St. Peter's Church, Bloomfield; the clergy, staff and vestry of St. Thomas'.

Your prayers are requested for:

Those who are sick or in special need of our prayers: Phil Baader, brother of Trudy Turberg; Sue Benedict, friend of the Blackmons; Katrina Bosse, granddaughter of Sharon Marriott; John Brown, father of Leslie Burkardt; Amy Deck, niece of Kathleen Merritt; Mike Detty; Paul Edgar, friend of Deb Cougler; Natalie Findlay; Tim Hay, cousin of Richard Yates; Denise Hoose, mother of Jonathan Hoose; Donald Hull, father of Julie Thompson; Louise Jones, mother of Amy Feller; Anne Lathom, friend of the Blackmons; Lil LoGrasso, friend of the Blackmons; Lee Loomis; Mort Nace; Beverly Place, friend of Dawn Wilkins; Hillary Smith; daughter-in-law of Ginny Fogle; Bridget Tierno, friend of Sue Lennon; Lauren Trevis, friend of the Mabbs; The Watkins Family, friends of the Mabbs; Dawn Wilkins; Jacqueline Williams, mother of Suzanne Lanyak,

Those in continuing need of our prayers: Marlene Allen, Ruth Bowman, Miggs Coleman, Sloane Elker, Marion Fey, Alison Fletcher, Ginny Fogle, Mark Garner, Art and Maureen Holtzman, Kim Klein, Connie Kless, Marlene Koster, Kyleigh Keukelaar, Gloria Levesque, Marlene Liebmann, Margy Mayk, Ann McNabb, Roxanne McNamara, Jim McLaughlin, Fran Moslow, Lisa Overacker, Alfie Paasewe, Abraham Philip, Craig Powell, Betty Rouleau, Helen Stamas, Wendy Swift, Jean Troutner, Gertie Wiegert.

Those serving in the armed forces: Joey Andrews, Evan Davies, Tom Dimiero, Jared Hicks, Justin Illes, Adrian Jope, Andrew Kless, Bryant Locke, Cameron Mabb, Darren Mitcham, Salim Rollog.

**Large-print copies of the Prayer Book and Hymnal
are available in the Highland Avenue narthex.**

A hearing loop is in operation during the 10:00 A.M. service. Those persons with difficulty hearing can activate the "T" switch on their hearing aids.

A wheelchair-accessible restroom is located in the north porch at the rear of the nave. The north porch also provides changing facilities and a quiet place for those with infants.

Our Mission

*St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is a welcoming spiritual community
dedicated to following the teachings of Christ Jesus.
We grow through learning, celebrate joyful worship,
and serve our neighbors.*

Our Vision

We open hearts and minds to create community in Christ.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday - 12:00 Noon

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