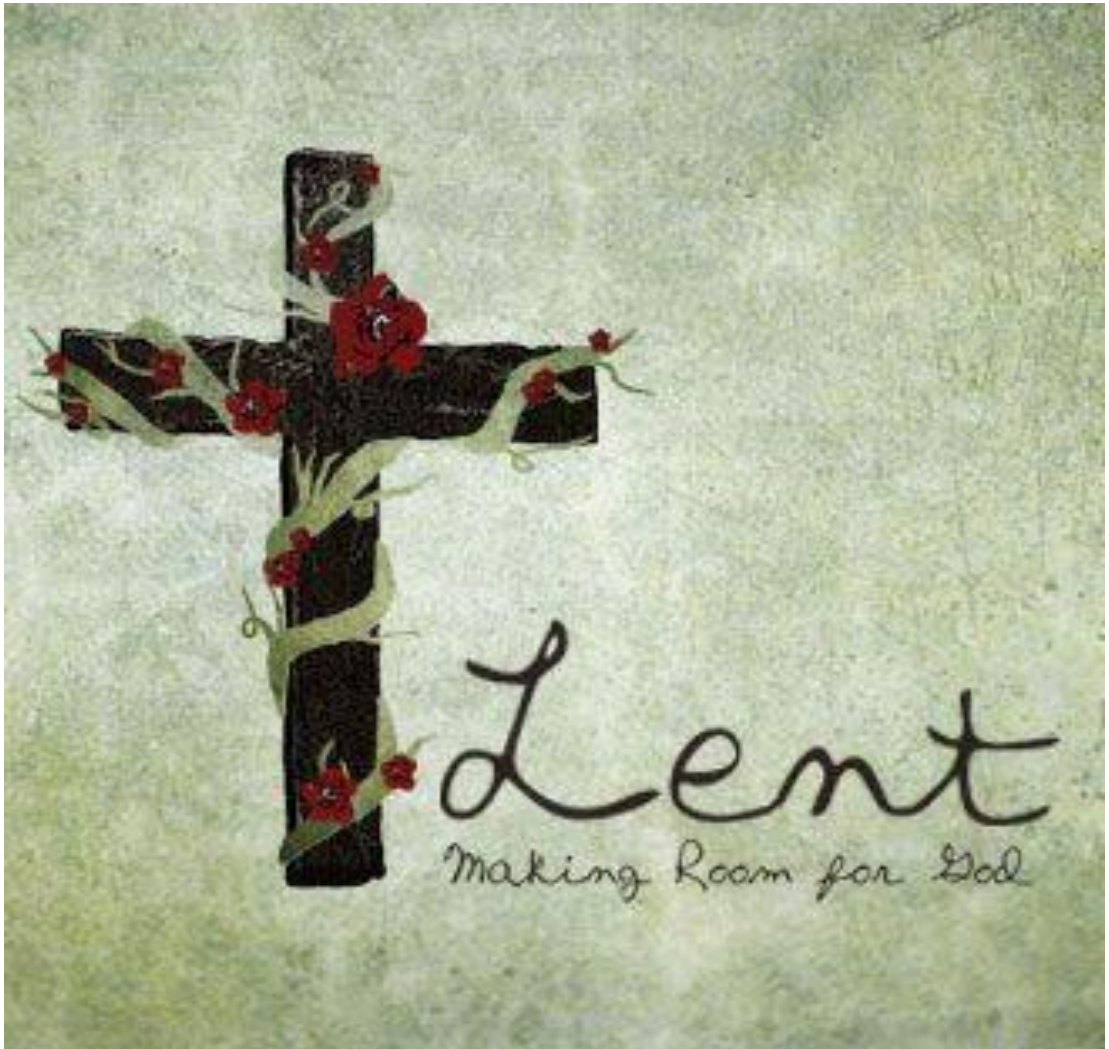


**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 – 5:30PM**

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## **Welcome GUESTS & VISITORS!**

*We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out an “I’m New” card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.*

*Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.*

*To request prayers, please fill out the “Pray” card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the offering plate, bring to the church office, or hand to one of the clergy. Prayers of the People are written weekly. They are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.*

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Prelude

## Silent Procession

## Penitential Order

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

## Confession & Absolution

*All kneel as able. The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: *Genesis 9:8-17*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup>*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- <sup>2</sup>*Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*
- <sup>3</sup>*Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.*
- <sup>4</sup>*Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.*
- <sup>5</sup>*Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.*
- <sup>6</sup>*Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*
- <sup>7</sup>*Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- <sup>8</sup>*He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.*
- <sup>9</sup>*All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

### **The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*All stand.*

Deacon    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People    ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

***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

*All remain standing.*

Presider or Deacon We pray to you, O Lord,

*Music Response after each petition:*

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to

yond my fears, from death to

To verses 1, 2, 3, 5 To verse 4

life. life.

life. life.

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



# HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Music

### *There is a Balm in Gilead*

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed  
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to  
heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1  
2

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly  
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

*Repeat Refrain*  
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

*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*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

### **Sanctus**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God. . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. . .  
. . . 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

*The Celebrant may say*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# Communion Hymn

## With Broken Heart

BABYLON'S STREAMS

THOMAS CAMPIAN, 1613

*Moderately slow*

1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A trem - bling sin - ner,  
2 I smite up - on my troub - led breast, With deep and con - scious  
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes, Nor dare up - lift them

Lord, I cry: Thy par - d'ning grace is rich and free:  
guilt op - prest, Christ and his cross my on - ly plea:  
to the skies; But thou dost all my an - guish see:

O God, be mer - ci - ful to me.  
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me.  
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me. A - men.

4 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,  
Can for a single sin atone;  
To Calvary alone I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me.

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,  
With all the ransomed through I dwell,  
My raptured song shall ever be,  
God has been merciful to me. Amen.

CORNELIUS ELVEN, 1852

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

***Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father,  
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **Blessing**

# Closing Hymn

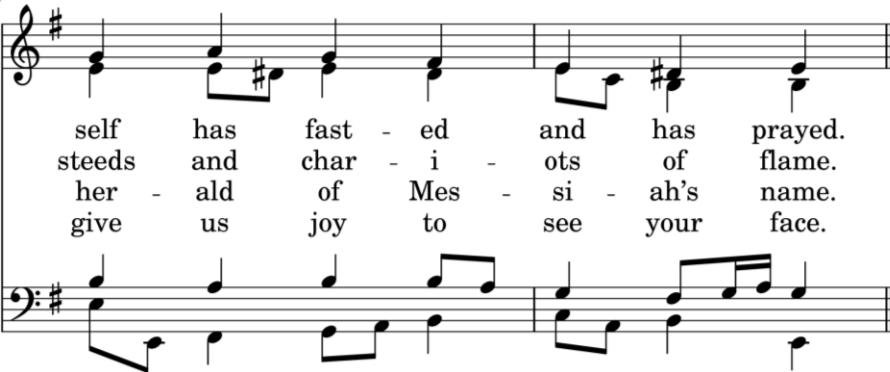
## *The Glory of These Forty Days*

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

3  
cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for  
lov - ing God who gave the law; and  
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and  
sumed in fast and prayer with you; our

5  
Christ, by whom all things were made, him -  
to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came the  
John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came the  
spir - its strength - en with your grace, and

7



self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 give us joy to see your face.

## Silent Procession

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

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