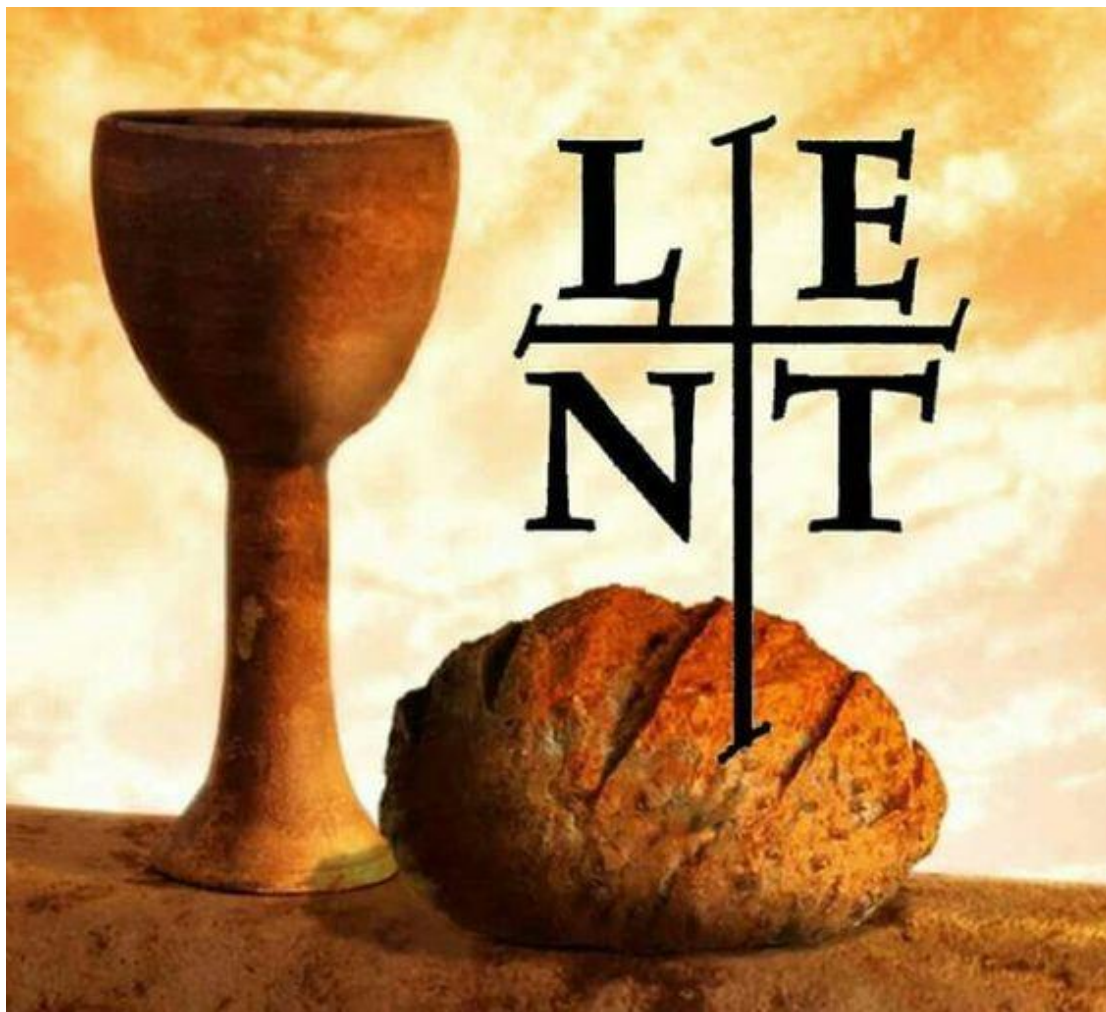


**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 8:45 AM**

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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.*

*Nursery care is available on Sunday for children ages 6 months thru 4 yrs from 8:15am - 12:15 (or conclusion of the 11am service).*

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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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei son.  
Chri - ste e - lei son.

Music: Russian Orthodox; arr. by John L. Bell

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

*Children pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will  
process to Children's Church.*

## The Lessons

**The First Reading:** *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make

you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>***Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \****

***stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;***

***all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.***

<sup>23</sup>***For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;***

***neither does he hide his face from them; \****

***but when they cry to him he hears them.***

<sup>24</sup>***My praise is of him in the great assembly; \****

***I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.***

<sup>25</sup>***The poor shall eat and be satisfied,***

***and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \****

***“May your heart live for ever!”***

<sup>26</sup>***All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \****

***and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.***

<sup>27</sup>***For kingship belongs to the LORD; \****

***he rules over the nations.***

<sup>28</sup>***To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \****

***all who go down to the dust fall before him.***

<sup>29</sup>***My soul shall live for him;***

***my descendants shall serve him; \****

***they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.***

<sup>30</sup>***They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \****

***the saving deeds that he has done.***

## **The Epistle: *Romans 4:13-25***

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord

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

## **The Holy Gospel: *Mark 8:31-38***

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach the disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world

and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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* We pray to you, O Lord,

*Music Response after each petition:*

Refrain *mp*

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

yond my fears, from death in - to

yond my fears, from death to

life. life.

life. life.

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

*The children will return from Children's Church.*



## 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

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## Offertory Music

### *Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as You choose

#### **Chorus:**

Here am I all of me. Take my life it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine. it shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love my Lord I pour at Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for Thee

## 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 Altar.*

## 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Music: *Mass of Remembrance*, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

*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.*



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the you break the chains of ha - tred and you are the way of jus - tice and you are the way of mer - cy and".

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*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 INSTRUCTIONS

We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you have a wheat allergy, please tell the person administering communion and we will see that you receive a rice wafer instead.

## Communion Music

## *Behold the Lamb*

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross wo we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ. torn for you eat and remember.  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

## 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 Music**

#### *The Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

**Chorus:** Amen. Amen. Amen.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family, and your children, and their children, and their children

May his presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you. He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing. He is for you. He is for you

He is for you. He is for you.

## **Silent Recession**

### **Dismissal**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

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

### **Postlude**

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