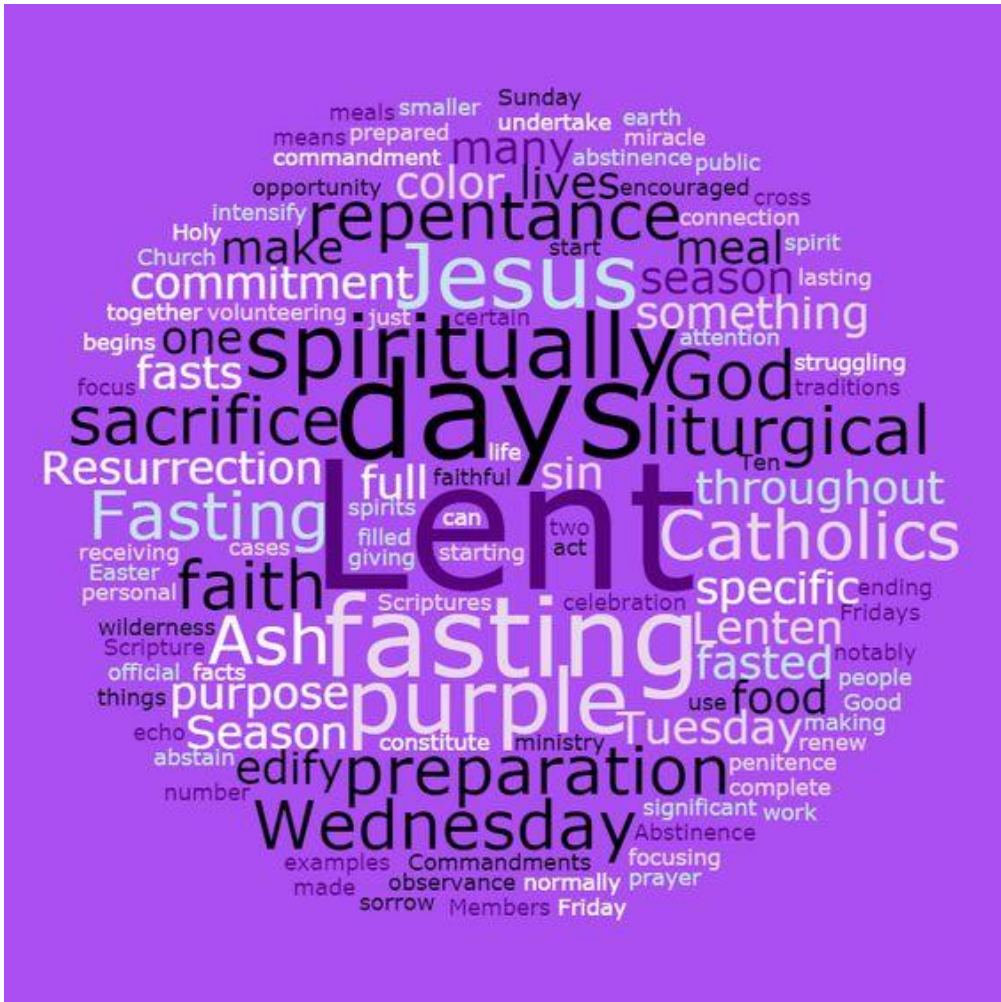


ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 11:00AM

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).

“REQUIEM” BY JOHN RUTTER (B. 1945)

John Milford Rutter was born in London in 1945 and received his first musical education as a chorister at Highgate School. He went on to study music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions and conducted his first recording while still a student. He is known especially for his sacred choral works and for his founding of and long association with the choral group, the Cambridge Singers.

In 1996 the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of his contribution to church music. Nowadays, John Rutter is often invited to compose music for special occasions, most memorably for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

John Rutter wrote his luscious as well as delicately beautiful *Requiem* in 1985. As Protestants, the English have long had the freedom of mixing vulgar and Latin freely. Rutter relies on the most beautiful and basic of the Latin requiem texts, but chooses English to express new Psalmic texts, in particular the well known, *The Lord is my Shepherd*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Highlights from the Rutter Requiem

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

I. Requiem Aeternam

Missa Pro Defunctis

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine; Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
et lux perpetua luceat eis. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion: A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion:
Et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. And to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem.*

*Exaudi orationem meam, Hear my prayer,
Ad te omnis caro veniet For unto thee all flesh shall come.*

*Kyrie Eleison. Lord have mercy.
Christie Eleison. Christ have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison. 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.**

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

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

All stand.

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, '*Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.*'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, '*He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,*' and '*On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.*'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.

II. Out of the Deep

Psalm 130

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; and in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

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

Offertory Music

III. Pie Jesu

Missa Pro Defunctis

Soloist: Scott Bradley, Gideon Evans (3rd grade)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Blessed Jesu, grant them rest.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem. Blessed Jesu, grant them everlasting rest.

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

IV. Sanctus

Missa Pro Defunctis

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus *Holy, Holy Holy,*
Dominus Deus Sabbaoth *Lord God of Hosts.*

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. *Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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 to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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


Lamb of God

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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A period of silence is kept.

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

V. The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalm 23

Soloist: Maggie Hendricks

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul;
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

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

VI. *Lux Aeterna*
Soloist: Hope Dedrick

*Text from the Burial Office
Missa Pro Defunctis*

*I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
For they rest from their labors; even so saith the Spirit.*

*Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine: Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray:
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, With saints and angels ever dwelling,
quia pius es. for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:
Et lux perpetua luceat eis. And light perpetual shine on them for ever.*

Silent Procession

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

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

Postlude

Highlights from the Rutter Requiem

Chamber Orchestra:

PIANO/ORGANIST: SI-FOU TZANG

HARP: MELODY TZANG

CELLO: ELIZABETH SCHULLER

OBOE: TERESA POSEY MILLER

DIRECTED BY: JULIEANNE STAPLETON



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