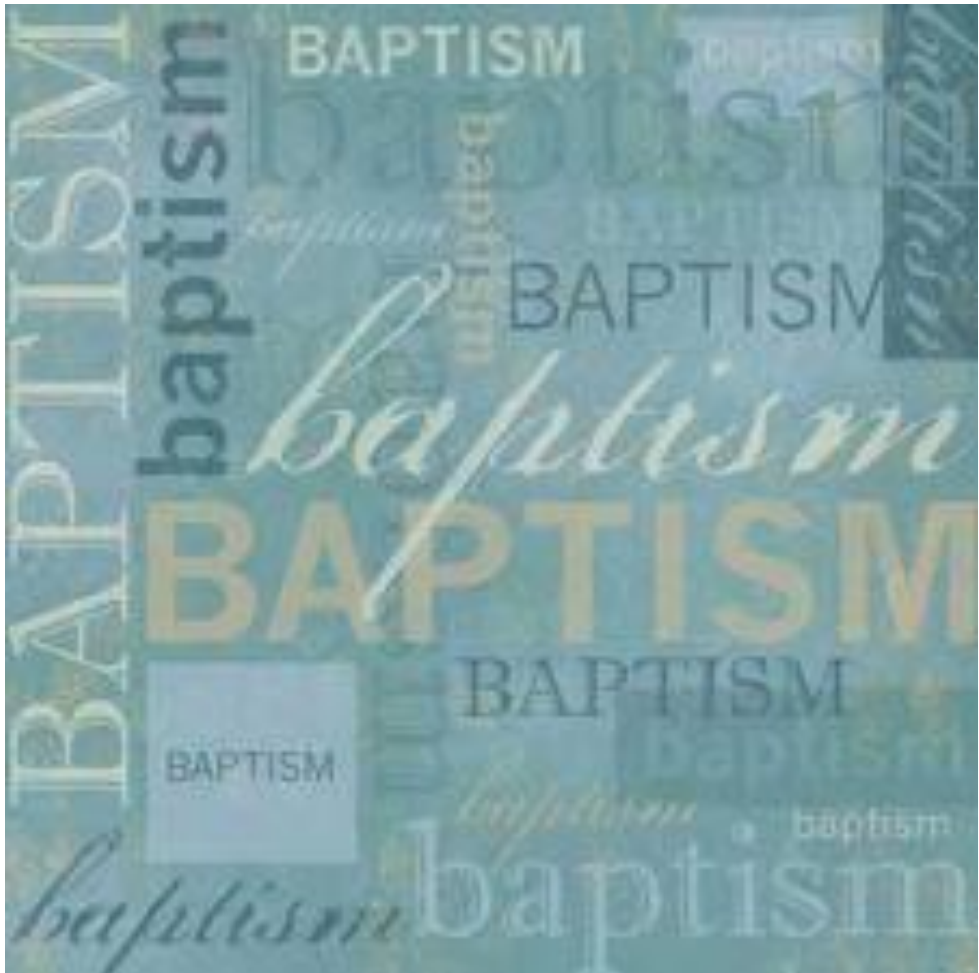


**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 – 5:30PM**

# 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 a welcome 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 Prayer Request box at the back of the church, place them in the offering plate, or bring them to the church office. Prayers of the People are written weekly. Normally 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

### Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God’s call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

## 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:** *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**

# HOLY BAPTISM

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## Presentation of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents I present [N.] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
[these persons] in [their] life in Christ?  
*People* **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with [those] who [are] committing [themselves] to Christ  
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

Let us now pray for [*these persons*] who [*are*] to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver [*them*], O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open [*their*] hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill [*them*] with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep [*them*] in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach [*them*] to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send [*them*] into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring [*them*] to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. ***Amen.***



## Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

## Baptism and Chrismation

Celebrant [N.] I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

[N.] you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised [them] to the new life of grace. Sustain [them], O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give [them] an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All*     ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

## **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 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 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 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, 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

*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 INSTRUCTIONS

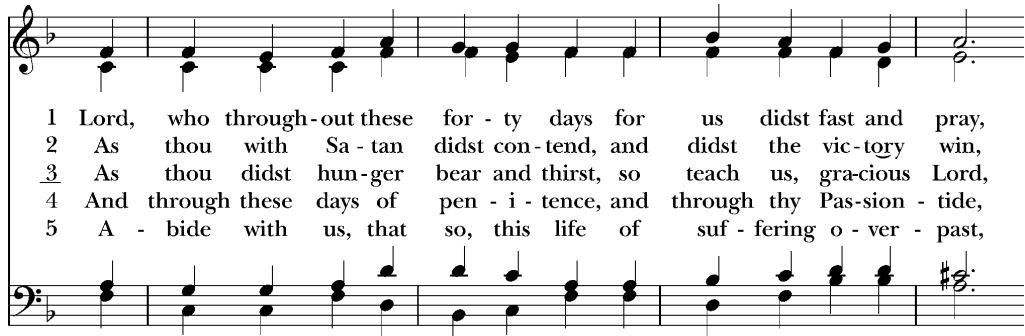
We invite everyone who has been baptized by water in any Christian tradition to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine.

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

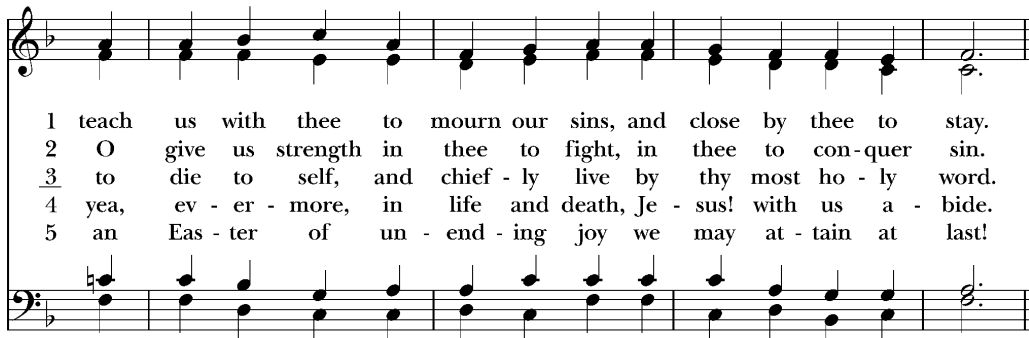
### Communion Hymn *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Hymnal # 142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

## **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*

Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.

Hymnal 143

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

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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