

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



February 6, 2008
Ash Wednesday (Year A)
12:15p.m. and 6:30p.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU.

The Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

The Word of God

Prelude

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ

J.S. Bach

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The ministers enter in silence.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ *All are seated*

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

✠ *Said by all*

Psalm 103:8-14

Benedic, anima mea

8

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9

He will not always accuse us, * nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11

For as the heavens are high above the earth, * so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12

As far as the east is from the west, * so far has he removed our sins from us.

13

As a father cares for his children, * so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14

For he himself knows whereof we are made; * he remembers that we are but dust.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

✠ *All stand*

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

✠ *All stand*

Invitation to the observance of a holy Lent

BCP, p. 264

✠ *Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

Imposition of Ashes

BCP, p. 265

✠ *Psalm 51 will be sung by cantors during the Imposition of Ashes.*

Litany of Penitence

BCP, p. 267

Declaration of Pardon

BCP, p. 269

The Holy Communion

*St. Thomas' invites all to share in the gifts of bread and wine from God's Holy Table.
If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine but would like a blessing, please come forward
and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.*

Offertory Hymn

Eternal Lord of love

Hymnal 149

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus and Benedictus

Plainsong, harmonized by Maurice Duruflé

Ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, _____ ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the _____ high - est.
Bles-sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in _____ the _____ high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

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Hymn

Forty days and forty nights

Hymnal 150

*As part of our observance of a holy Lent,
please depart the sanctuary in silence.*



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A place to find and be found by God.

The People of St. Thomas'

Vestry

*John Carter, Senior Warden; Barbara Hays, Junior Warden
Michael Bell, Knight Champion, Dan Costello, Camille Blake Fall, Brad Latham,
Mike Mattmiller, Kristin Queen Shaffer, David Swanson*

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