

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish
Washington, DC



March 27, 2011
The Third Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

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

Water

Few symbols are as powerful as the simple, life-giving presence of water. From the creation, to the flood, to the crossing of the Red Sea, water has played a central role in our salvation history. As Lent continues, we find ourselves parched and longing for God's life-giving presence. In today's reading, Moses saves his people by calling forth water from the rock, and Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well, offering her living water: "Those who drink of the water that I will give never be thirsty. The water that I will give become in them a fountain gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Welcome Visitors!

We invite you to join us in worship and hope you will discover some of the wonderful ways that God is working in this parish. The basic order of service can also be found in the red Book of Common Prayer while the hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. We also invite you to complete a Welcome Card located in the chairs.

The Holy Eucharist: (Greek, "Giving of Thanks") is the principal act of Christian worship on Sundays and other major Feasts. It has its roots in the Passover meal shared by Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem before the crucifixion and it reminds us of another meal shared by Jesus and his disciples at Emmaus after the resurrection. It is a way in which our community symbolically participates in Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

The Lectionary:

The Revised Common Lectionary is a cycle of readings assigned for every Sunday and major holy day throughout the liturgical year. The ministry of reading lessons at the Eucharist (except for the Proclamation of the Gospel) is normally the responsibility of lay persons.

The Holy Eucharist

*Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.
Please observe prayerful silence before worship.*

A Penitential Order

Prelude *Preludio 'Sine Nomine'* *Herbert Howells*

✠ *A bell rings, all stand as the altar party enters in silence*

✠ *The Celebrant says,*
 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

✠ *The priests and the people kneel , as they are able.*

The Decalogue *Book of Common Prayer, p. 350*

Confession & Absolution *BCP, p. 360*

Kyrie *Collegium Regale* *Herbert Howells*

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*
 The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

First Lesson

Exodus 17: 1-7

✠ *After the reading, the Reader says,*

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

Plainsong, Tone V

✠ *Sung by alternating sides, beginning with the choir side*



1

Come let us sing to the /Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of /our salvation.

2

Let us come before God's presence with thanks-/giving *
and raise a loud /shout with **psalms**.

3

For you, O God, are a / great God; *
you are /great above all gods.

4

In your hand are the caverns of the /earth, *
and the heights of the /hills are yours also.

5

The sea is yours, for you /made it, *
and your hands have mold-/ed the dry land.

6

Come, let us bow down and bend the /knee, *
and kneel before /God our maker.

7

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your /hand *
Oh, that today we would /hearken to your voice.

The First Lesson comes from the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, written before the birth of Christ. In the Hebrew Scriptures we hear how God has spoken and worked through the people of God for thousands of years.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relations between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

The Second Lesson is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or Letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

The **Gospel**, proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest, contains the stories and sayings of Jesus. Whereas other lessons at the Eucharist are read, the Gospel is proclaimed (or announced), both to those present and to the world. Those of us who are present stand and face the Gospel book as a gesture of reverence and love for the risen Christ. To symbolize that the Gospel belongs also to the world, the Gospel book is brought into the church in the entrance procession.

In the **Nicene Creed** we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "**believe**" (in Latin *credere*, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our hearts as token of our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "**We**" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual.

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the apostles and is an expression of reconciliation with our neighbor. As understood by its ancient position following the Prayers, the Peace is both a response to the Word of God and a preparation for Holy Communion.

Second Lesson

Romans 5: 1-11

✠ *After the reading, the Reader says,*

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

✠ *All stand. Sing Verses 1,2 before the Gospel, Verse 3 after the Gospel*

Sequence Hymn

Rock of ages cleft for me

Hymn 685

The Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

✠ *The Celebrant says,*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✠ *Afterwards, the Celebrant says,*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Preston Hannibal, Canon for Academic Ministries

✠ *A brief silence is observed.*

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

BCP, p. 385

✠ *The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

In all life's joys and troubles we thirst for you, O God. You flood our world with your love and bathe us in your grace. May our Lenten sharing strengthen us and bring us to a rebirth of hope. Help us, living God, for we place our trust in you now and forever and ever.

Amen

The Peace

The Holy Communion

We invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive communion take the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you. 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 Anthem *Like as the hart* Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is a-thirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me where is now thy God?

Presentation Hymn *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Hymn 686

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p.361

Presider Congregation
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider Congregation
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Congregation
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus *Plainsong, harmonized 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 BCP, p. 364

Priest: Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music *Agnus Dei (Collegium Regale)* Herbert Howells

The Presentation of bread, wine, music, money, and other gifts at the altar signifies our offering of all we are and have in response to God's offering of Christ for our sake.

In the **Eucharistic Prayer**, the Celebrant offers up our prayer of thanks, summarizing God's work in creating, redeeming, and remaining with us as the Holy Spirit. We offer up not only bread and wine to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ but also ourselves, our souls and bodies, to receive these gifts so that we might be for the world the Body of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray.

Communion Hymn *When, like the woman at the well*

Voices Found 24

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
 2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
 3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
 4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
 5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, ——— Christ came to me, good
 gave me hope, not fear. ——— The God I once thought
 wor - ship God a - right, ——— could trust the power the
 once a - gain re - ceive ——— the liv - ing wa - ter
 free, for - giv - en, whole, ——— I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. ———
 far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. ———
 Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. ———
 of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. ———
 are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. ———

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✕ All stand.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, source of life, wellspring of holiness, fountain of hope, we give you thanks for all your many gifts to us. We praise you for your gift of water, which quenches our thirst and nurtures our earth and embraces all of us in Baptism's death and rising. Pour your love into our hearts this Lent, refresh us and renew our commitment to the freedom and the unity for which we thirst. Let us be born again in the Holy Spirit of Jesus, the living anchor of our hope, now and forever and ever. Amen

Blessing: One of the specific ministries of priests is to declare God's blessing on God's people.

The Dismissal is an important part of the Liturgy. To be dis-missed is to be sent forth to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Having been nourished in Word and Sacrament, we are newly equipped to carry out our baptismal responsibilities in the world.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Dismissal



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We're a **community of Christians on a spiritual journey**. Our worship and *life together* provides a pathway towards a deeper understanding of the risen and transforming Christ. Through joyful singing, engaging preaching, prayer and silence, we come together to share in **one bread, one body**.

A place to find and be found by God.

The People of St. Thomas'

Vestry

John Johnson, Senior Warden (2013); *Matt Cloninger*, Junior Warden (2012)
Aaron Adkins (2013), *Clinton Anderson* (2012),
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