

# Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish Washington, DC



March 14, 2010  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
11:00 a.m.

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

# The Holy Eucharist

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*Before we worship we speak to God; after worship we speak with one another.  
We invite you to silent prayer and meditation before our worship service begins.*

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## Prelude

*Wo sol ich fliehen hin, BWV 646*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

✘ *A bell sounds. The people stand. The Celebrant says*  
Celebrant     *Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*  
People         *His mercy endures for ever.*

✘ *The ministers enter in silence. The Celebrant continues*  
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✘ *Silence may be kept.*

✘ *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.*

✘ *The Celebrant says*  
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.*

✘ *All stand. Sung by all.*

## Kyrie

*David Hurd*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -  
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.  
*People*       *And also with you.*  
Celebrant     Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Word of God

**First Lesson**                   *Joshua 5:9-12*

✠ *Sung by all*

**Psalm 32:1-8**                   *Beati quorum*



1  
Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/given,  
and whose sin is / put a-way!

2  
Happy are they to whom God imputes no / guilt,  
and in whose spirit there / is no **guile!**

3  
While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/way,  
because of my / groaning all day long.

4  
For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.

5  
Then I acknowledged my sin to / you,  
and did / not conceal my guilt.

6  
I said," I will confess my transgressions to / God."  
Then you forgave me the / guilt of my sin.

7  
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.

8  
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble;  
you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.

**Second Lesson**                   *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

✘ All stand. Sing verses 1-2 before the reading of the Gospel. Sing verse 3 after the reading.

## Sequence Hymn

*Just as I am*

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1 Just as I am, with - out \_\_\_\_\_ one plea  
2 Just as I am, though tos - sed a - bout  
3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
4 Just as I am, thou wilt \_\_\_\_\_ re - ceive,  
5 Just as I am, thy love \_\_\_\_\_ un - known  
6 Just as I am, of that \_\_\_\_\_ free love

but that thy blood was shed \_\_\_\_\_ for me,  
with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
sight, rich - es, heal - ing of \_\_\_\_\_ the mind,  
wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, \_\_\_\_\_ re - lieve:  
has bro - ken, ev - ery bar - ri - er down;  
the breadth, length, depth, and height \_\_\_\_\_ to prove,

and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.  
fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come.  
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.  
be - cause thy pro - mise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come.  
now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come.  
here for a sea - son, then a - bove, O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871).  
Music: *Saffron Walden*, A. H. Brown (1830-1926).

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Scott Erikson

## The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, page 358

✠ *All kneel, as you are able*

## Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP, page 385

### Commissioning of Wardens and Members of the Vestry

Sponsor I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Warden and Vestry in this congregation.

The Lord gives wisdom; from God's mouth comes knowledge and understanding; God stores up sound wisdom for the upright; God is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Officiant I am your servant; grant me understanding.

*Response That I may know your decrees.*

Let us pray.

O eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage; Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you [name] as Warden (Member of the vestry) in this Parish and give you this as a token of your ministry.

### The Peace

BCP, page 360

### Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

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*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.*

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### Offertory Anthem

*By Zion's Gentle Rivers*

*Shaker tune, arr. Tim Hagy*

By Zion's gentle rivers I'll walk in loneliness, Where flow the crystal fountains of everlasting peace. Down in this verdant valley the healing balm is found, and fruits and flowers of every kind do also here abound.

✠ *All stand*

### Presentation Hymn

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

✠ *Sung by all*

**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**

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

✠ *Celebrant and People*

*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.*

✠ *Sung by all*

**Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei*

*Anaphora Chant*

Lamb of \_\_\_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins of the world have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy on - us. Lamb of \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy on - us.  
 Lamb of \_\_\_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins of the world grant \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

✠ *Communion will be directed by the ushers.*

Communion Hymn

Come now, O prince of Peace

Wonder Love and Praise 795

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,  
 4. Come. Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Music at Communion

Bonum est confidere

Taizé Chant

It is good to trust\_ in the Lord\_ our God, trust\_ and hope in the Lord\_ our God.  
 Bue-no es con - fi - ar en el\_ Se - ñor, con - fi - ar y es-pe rar el Se - ñor.

✦ All stand

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, page 365

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn

O bless the Lord my soul

Hymnal 411

Dismissal

Celebrant Go now to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

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



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*The People of St. Thomas'*

**Vestry**

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