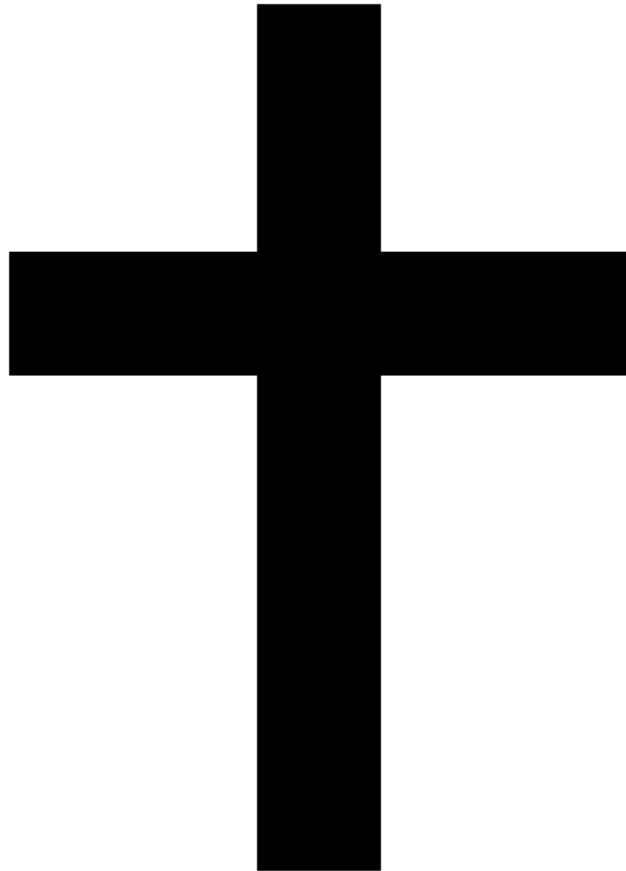


Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



March 2, 2008
The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Alla Sarabanda

Ralph Vaughan Williams

✠ *A bell sounds. The people stand. The ministers enter in silence.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

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Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

✠ *The Celebrant then says*

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 Priest stands and 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.*

✠ *Sung by all*

Kyrie Eleison

Plainsong (Requiem)

The musical notation consists of four staves of plainsong in a single melodic line. The notes are simple, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e - - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e - - le - i - son. Chri - ste - - le - i - son. Chri - ste - - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e - - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e - - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e - - le - i - son.

The Word of God

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✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

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.**

☒ *All are seated*

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

☒ *Sung by all*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Plainsong, Tone V



1

O God, you are my / shepherd; *

I / shall not be in want.

2

You make me lie down in green / pastures *
and lead me be- / side still waters.

3

You revive my / soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the / sake of your Name.

4

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no /evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.

5

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my / cup is running over.

6

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of / God for ever.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

☒ *All stand*

☒ *A Cantor sings the verse, all respond.*

Lenten Tract

Plainsong



The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-4

Rector's Annual Report

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form V

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The Peace

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Announcements and Welcoming of New Members

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 Anthem

There Is A Balm In Gilead

*African-American Spiritual,
arr. William L. Dawson*

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say "He died for all."

Bailey Whiteman – mezzo soprano

✠ *All stand*

Presentation Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Eucharistic Prayer A

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☒ *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

Lamb of God

Plainsong, adapt. Martens

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 Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Herbert Howells

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 in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: though 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.

Susannah Edmonds – soprano
Bailey Whiteman – mezzo soprano
Jason Rios – baritone

✠ *Sung by all*

Communion Hymn *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Hymnal 692

✠ *All stand*

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

✠ *The Celebrant continues*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

How wondrous and great

Hymnal 533

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace 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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A place to find and be found by God.

The People of St. Thomas'

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