



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,
declare Christ's Mission for us:
to grow as a Church
in the spiritual strength
of community,
and to care, reach out,
and include all people in Christ's love.

Second



SUNDAY
IN LENT

Holy Eucharist, Rite II — Hybrid Worship
10:00 AM
March 13, 2022

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Prayer

Prelude: Voluntary in A Minor

by Anonymous (18th Century)

Procession: Creator of the Earth and Skies, v 1, 3, & 5

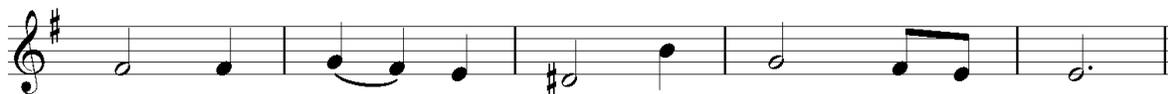
#148, Blue Hymnal



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

S-91, Blue Hymnal

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect Acclamation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

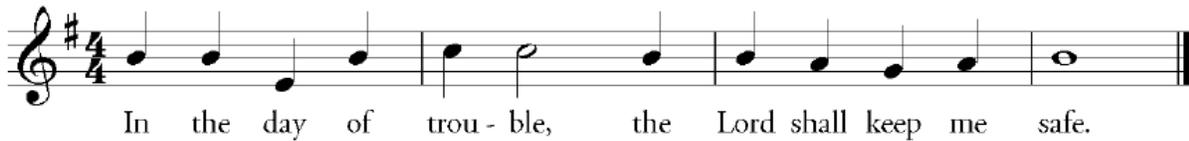
When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

The Choir will sing the Antiphon once and the Congregation will join the second time. The Choir will then sing the verses and the Congregation will join in the Antiphon where noted.



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

Antiphon

- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Antiphon

- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

Antiphon

13 You have been my helper;

cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed

that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;

be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for the LORD.

Antiphon

The New Testament Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: O Love of God, how strong and true, v 1 & 2

#455, Blue Hymnal



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Natalie Perl Regan

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people are a time for us all to lift our voices in prayer to God. In the silence after each bidding, you are invited to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. Please kneel as you are able.

In this, the church's holy spring, we ask you, O God, to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts, too, to be ready for your risen life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for the church. May she drink deeply from living springs and travel the deserts in trust and hope. We remember in our prayers Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops; the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas, Fran, Joy, Natalie, Mollie, Mary, Lori, and Nicole, our staff, and for the teachers at the Early Learning Center. For the churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: we pray for Emmanuel, Brook Hill—Richmond, St. Dunstan's—McLean; and Ascension Church in Beraud, Haiti. And we remember the church around the world and in those places you would name: *[pause for intercessions]*. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one family and grow beyond the violence of war. We remember especially Ukraine and her people and we pray for peace: *[pause for the naming of concerns in our world]*. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We pray for this nation. May we be healed of racism and shine again like a lamp on a hill: *[pause for the naming of concerns in our country]*. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We pray for our community. May our children be safe, our leaders be wise, and our lives be peaceful and just. *[pause for the naming of concerns in our community]*. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We pray for the afflicted. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer. We remember those who have asked for our prayers, including We pray for Susan, Andrei, Ethan, Emma, Johnny, Julie, David, Martha, Kadri, Jim, Eliana, Megan, Michael, Jack, Greet, Peter, Robin, Scott, Amaya, Jen, Brendan, Lorraine, Kristi, Vincent, Leanna, Mark, Jim, Ann, Frankie, and Joe, those with COVID-19, and for those you would name [*pause for intercessions*]. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We pray for the departed and those who will die today. May they ever grow in faith and love, and may we always remember them by name. [*pause for intercessions*]. God of mercy,

Make us new.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for Mike Alexander, and Lily Ingraham celebrating their birthdays this week, and those blessings you would name [*pause for intercessions*]. God of mercy,

Make us new.

God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly.

Amen.

Prayers of the People for Lent adapted from Liturgy for the Whole Church by Susan K. Bock, Church Publishing, Inc., © 2008

Prayer for the Election of a new Bishop

Almighty God, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who calls, guides and empowers us as your Church: Create in us discerning minds as we seek to elect a bishop in this diocese. So many issues are open before us; so many wounds that need healing; so many gifts that need celebrating. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name, and open our ears to the hurts and hopes around us; broaden our vision to see what we do not want to see; and enliven our hearts with honesty and compassion to do the hard work that lies before us. Guide us as we seek an inspirational leader and willing advocate to help us meet the challenges, and lead us to become the people you have equipped us to be in your service. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The St. Thomas Endowment Presentation

**Bruce Allan
Jack Cowart**

Blessing and Presentation of a Stole to the Rev. Deacon Natalie Perl Regan

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *(Romans 12:1)*



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Offertory Anthem *Never, Weather Beaten Sail*

by Arlen Clarke

The Doxology: Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow, v 3 #380, Blue Hymnal

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea-tures here bé - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

S-114, Blue Hymnal



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave

the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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 Fraction

S-158, Blue Hymnal

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

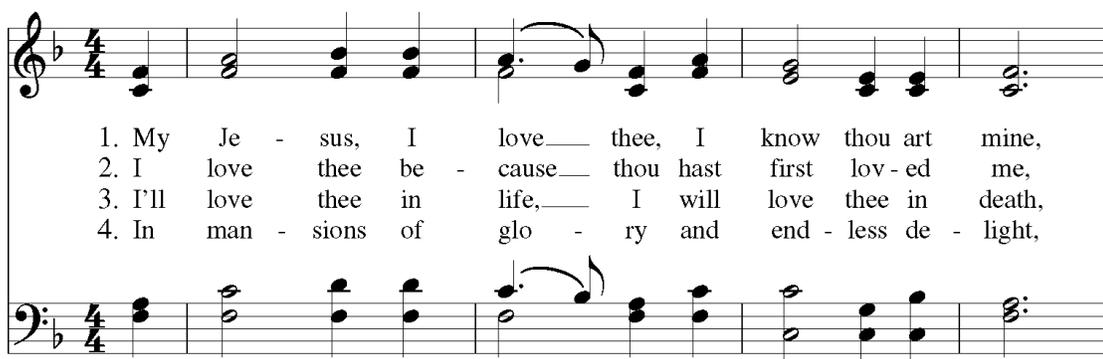
While some members of our congregation are receiving communion at church, those members gathered to worship on Zoom will say the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

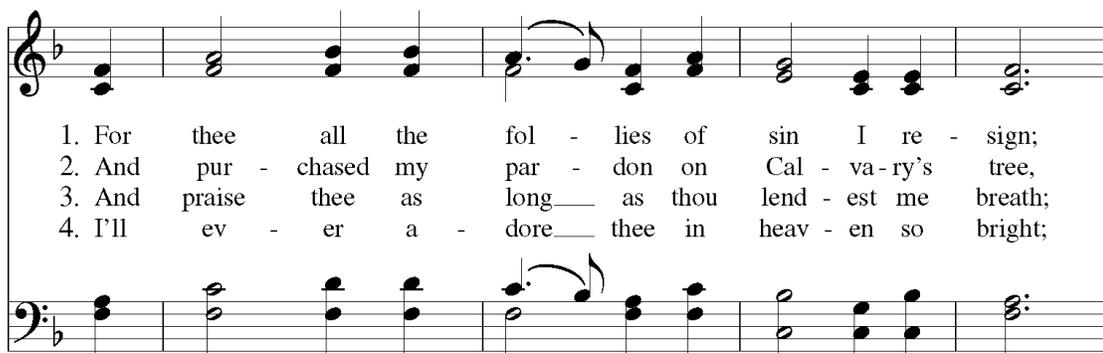
~ from *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

Communion Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee

#89, LEVAS



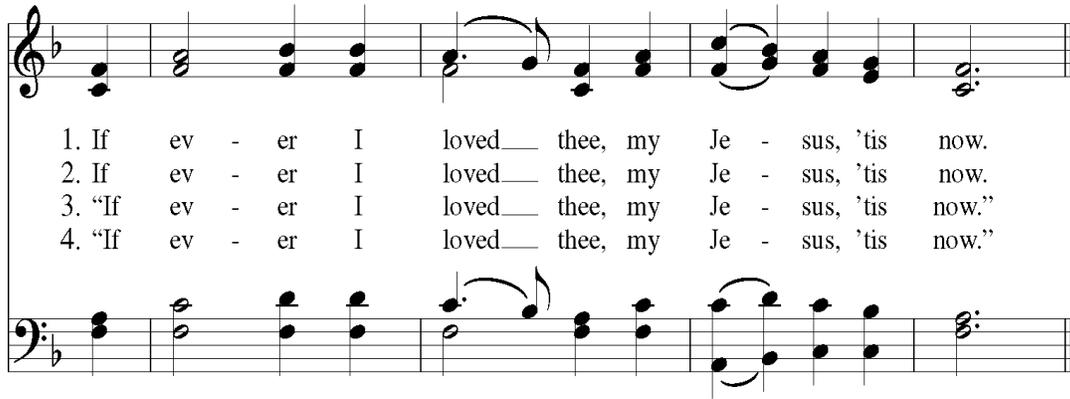
1. My Je - sus, I love — thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause — thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, — I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
3. And praise thee as long — as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore — thee in heav - en so bright;



1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou: —
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns — on thy brow: —
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold — on my brow, —
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown — on my brow, —



1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 4. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

Post-communion Prayer for a Multilocated Congregation

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us, whether we are able to share in the sacrament or continue to long for communion. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love; for uniting us with Christ and one another; and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski

The Blessing

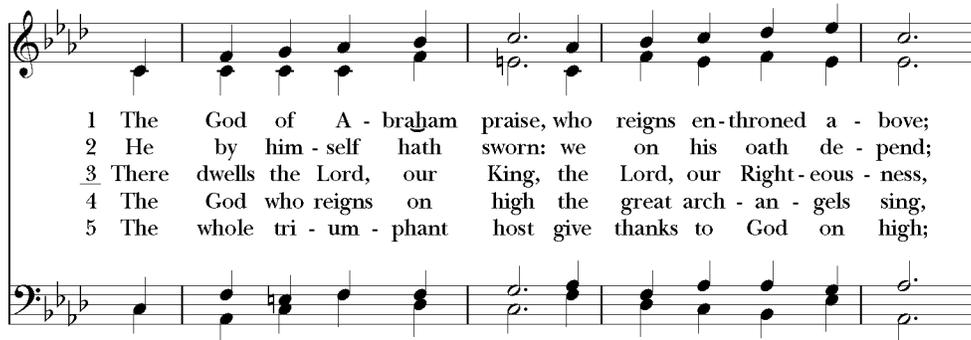
May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

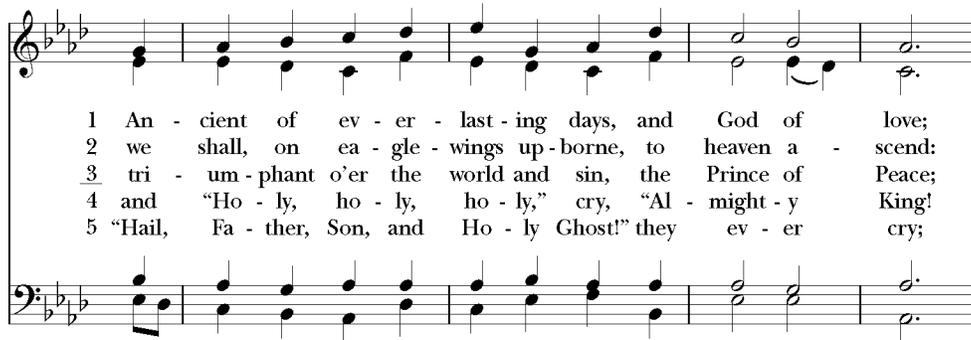
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

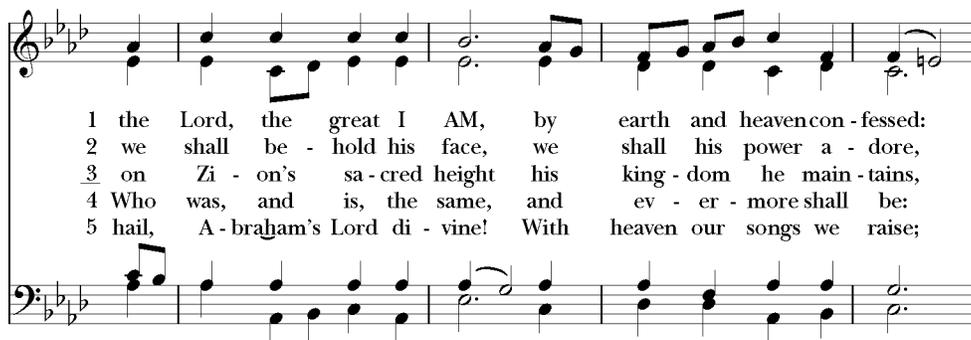
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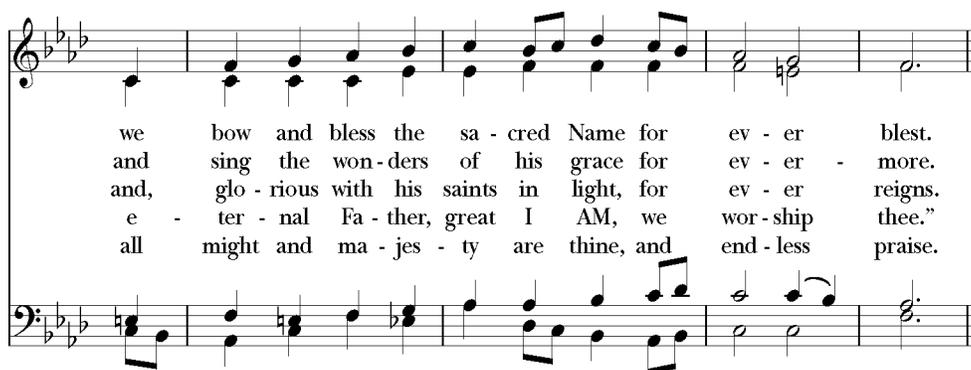
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

by Robert M. Thompson

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran
Preacher	Rev. Deacon Natalie
Altar Guild	Susan Cowart
Counter	Ray Raymond
Fellowship Host	Betsy Reddaway
Lector & Intercessor	Isabella Hayes
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Betsy Heilman
Ushers	Becky & Jim Ventorini
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Chuck Grimes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stories from the Life of Jesus Tuesdays Virtual Lenten Series

In preparation for our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2023, we will study five stories from Jesus' life that match five of the places we'll visit on our pilgrimage. Our schedule is as follows:

March 15 – Jesus at home (Capernaum)

March 22 – Jesus meets the woman at the well (Nablus, Jacob's Well)

March 29 – Jesus' final day (Garden of Gethsemane and St. Peter in Gallicantu)

April 5 – Jesus cooks breakfast on the beach (Mensa Christi)



God's Transforming Gift: A Study on Paul's Letters

Our Study of God's Transforming Gift: Paul's Letters continues to meet every other week on Zoom:

Monday Evenings 7:30—8:30 PM

Thursday Mornings 10:30—11:30 AM

Upcoming date: March 21 and 24

Galatians 3 to 5

Please send an email to Rev. David at davidsmith927@gmail.com, for a Zoom invitation link to be sent to you.

St. Thomas Endowment and the Legacy Society

The Endowment was created in 2009 at the urging of Richard Henninger who made the first contribution of \$2000. At time of writing, the assets under the management of the Endowment committee are valued at over \$500,000! The purpose of the Endowment is to secure the future of St. Thomas. Gifts generally reflect the donor's desire for St. Thomas to be part of our community for generations to come.

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of St Thomas and to honor those who had already given to the Endowment, we formed the St. Thomas Legacy Society. Membership of the Society is open to all who have given to the Endowment or have informed us of their intention to do so (planned giving).

Over the course of the next few weeks, you will hear more about the Endowment, the Legacy Society and the various ways you can be eligible to join! There are currently about 30 members and we aim to grow by 10 new members this year. We hope you will consider joining the St. Thomas Legacy Society.

More information about the Endowment and the Legacy society can be found on our website - <https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/> or contact one of the Legacy Society Committee Members listed below:

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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you!

A Request for Fellowship Hour Hosts:

We are excited to report that the Sunday Fellowship Hour that follows the 10:00 am service each week has started again. This is a wonderful time to reconnect and catch up with fellow parishioners. We are currently seeking coffee hour hosts to provide light refreshments to accompany the coffee, tea and juice that the church provides. Your donation should be as simple as cookies, a breakfast bread, or coffee cake and possibly some grapes. The current schedule will be posted in Hudson Hall. In addition, I will be available at coffee hour for you to sign up or I can be reached at home (703.288.3166) or at beckyventorini@gmail.com. Thank you in advance to the families who have hosted in the past and prior to the pandemic and to those who will do so soon. (Idea: you can always co-host with another person or family!) Because we are restarting this weekly ministry during the Lenten season, we want to emphasize the “less is more” approach.



ECW Book Group March Meeting

The next meeting will be virtual at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 16. The book is "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich.

The Zoom link IS NEW, please do not use the old link.

Reach out to the office for the Zoom link if you do not have it and wish to join.

This Book Group meets every month on the third Wednesday, until May 18, 2022.

Next ECW Hybrid Meeting

The next meeting of the ECW will be on **Sunday, March 20th at 8:45 am**. The meeting will be in Hudson Hall and also on Zoom. (Link below)

Please join us as we learn about our next speaker event on Sunday, March 27 at noon-ish following the 10 am service. Kerrie Willson, Executive Director of Cornerstones, will help us to understand homelessness in wealthy Fairfax County-why it occurs, who it affects and what we might do about it. This event is jointly sponsored by Mollie Regan, our Interim Children's Minister and will include an activity for the children of the congregation as they, too, learn about homelessness.

Please reach out to the office or to Louise Armitage for the Zoom link if you do not have it and wish to join.



Please Join us on Sunday March 20th to Celebrate Nowruz!



It's remarkable how similar our Spring Celebrations are throughout the world.

On March 20th, please join us in Hudson Hall as our Persian Families introduce us to the wonderful food and customs of Nowruz, The Persian New Year.

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A PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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