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**MARCH 14TH
2021 AT 9AM
LIVE ON YOUTUBE**



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT**

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)

Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: www.stthomasparish.org.

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

At the Procession

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Hymnal 620



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ my hap - py home, ___ when
2. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; ___ they
5. Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ Je - ru - sa - lem, ___ God



shall I come to thee? ___ When shall my sor - rows
see God face ___ to face; ___ they tri - umph still, ___ they
grant that I ___ may see ___ thine end - less joy, ___ and



have an end? ___ Thy joys when shall ___ I see? ___
still re - joice ___ in that most hap - py place. ___
of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be! ___

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."
[Mark 12:29-31]

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.

Celebrant 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.

Trisagion Sing 3X: 1) *mf* 2) *f* 3) *p* Hymnal S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly, Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr Howie

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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and all our mind, let us come before the Throne of Grace and ask God's mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

For the evil we do	Lord, have mercy
For the good we fail to do	Lord, have mercy
For the faith we lack	Lord, have mercy
For the blessings we take for granted	Lord, have mercy
For the grace to turn again and believe	Lord, have mercy
For the light of the Gospel to guide our feet	Lord, have mercy
For the example of the saints to strengthen our faith	Lord, have mercy
For the glory of the Cross to shape our lives	Lord, have mercy
For the Church in every place	Lord, have mercy
For the faithful who suffer for Christ	Lord, have mercy
For those who do not yet believe	Lord, have mercy
For those who have lost their faith	Lord, have mercy
For the nations and peoples of the world	Lord, have mercy
For those who make war and those who make peace	Lord, have mercy
For those driven from their homes by fear	Lord, have mercy
For those blinded by greed and hatred	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who go hungry	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who are unemployed	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who are lonely	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who have no hope	Lord, have mercy
For all we love who are sick or in any kind of trouble, those we name now, silently or aloud, and those known only to God	Lord, have mercy
For the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and for St Peter's Church, Lewes.	Lord, have mercy
For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those we name now, silently or aloud, and all who risk their lives for others	Lord, have mercy
For all the faithful departed, especially those we name now, silently or aloud, and all those who have gone before us in this parish	Lord, have mercy

Holy God
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal
Have mercy on us.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn

My Faith Looks up to Thee

Hymnal 691

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

David Hurd

The

people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Prayer over the People

At the Procession

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal - foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven
jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Parish Prayer List

Alan L	Delores	Luke	Reid
Alma	Doug H	Lynn Dunham	Roman
Amanda	Elmer	Margurite	Roxanna
Andre	Erin L & babies	Maria	Ruth
Archer Family	Fred & Lori	Marian & Family	Samuel
Arline	Freda Reynolds	Marie	Sandy
Alana Davies	Giorgio & Family	Mary & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Audrey	Greg	Michael	Shirley
Ayla H	Hailu He	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Beverly and Larry	HarrisonFamily	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Becky	Ina	Morgan & Family	SouthFamily
Beryl	Jane & Family	Nan	Susan & James
Bill & Sandy	Jean & Richard	Nancy & Family	Stacy L
Bosco Family	Pawl	Nate	Stanley
Brian Smith	Geoff Coons	Nathalie & Maya	Steven
Cathy	Jan Laughridge	Nelson	Stover
Carol	Jenna Puleo	Nicholas & Family	Sue James
Carol Mullinix	Jim	Nicole	Terrie W
Carolyn Bowman	Josh Moyer	Nikki & Family	Thadine
Charles Baxter	Jude	Noah	Tom
Chaun	Jule & Family	Noah P	Thomas
Chris & Ginger	June	Norman H	Tim & Family
Christine & Erich	Kelly & family	Olivia	Vicki
Christine & Francis	Ken & Family	Pat & Dan	Vivian
Christopher Corbin	Kevin	Pat & Emmett	Wanda
Cindy	Kizis family	Peter & Mike	Wayne
Colin	LaneFamily	Phil & Jen	WeaverFamily
Dale & Family	Larry	Phil & Terri	William McClements
Darnell	Laurie J	Phyllis	WilsonFamily
Darrell	Linda Alexis	Rashida	
Dawn & DW	Lisa	Ray Cook	
Deacon Cecily	Liz & Family	Reginald	

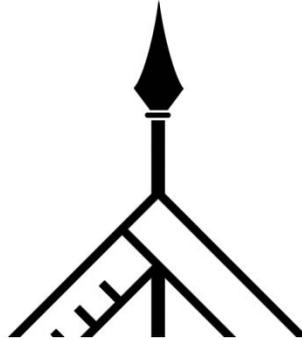
We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie	Joe	Matthew
Ben	Josh	Nate
Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tin a
Brian	Kevin	Tyler
Christie	Luke	Victoria

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3/9/2021

During Lent, the bulletin pictures will be of crosses from Christian cultures around the world. This week's is of a primitive crucifix, the so-called "Battlo Majesty," a 12th Century carving now in the Museu Nacional d' Art de Catalunya.



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