

LARGE PRINT

4TH SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 27TH
10:30 AM

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 on our website.

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 8am- Rite I, spoken**
- **Sunday 10:30am- Rite II, with music**
- **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, 8th grade
- 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: **StThomasNewarkDe.church**

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 online, speak with anyone in the pews around you 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!

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing

Just As I Am

Hymnal 693

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with man - y'a
4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt wel - come,
5. Just as I am, thy love unknown has bro - ken
6. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length,

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - y'a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,
6 depth, and height to prove, here for a sea - son,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6 then above bove: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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."

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.

standing/kneeling

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.**

Kyrie

Lord have mer - cy u - pon us, Christ have mer - cy u -
pon us, Lord have mer - cy u - pon us.

Marc F. Cheban

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

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

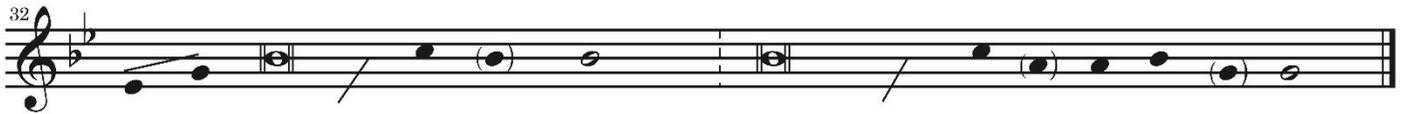
While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Beati quorum



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven
and whose sin is / put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt
and in whose spirit / there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
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 con-/ ceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
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.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you / with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding,
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they / will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the / Lord.
- 12 Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Pie Jesu (Requiem) – Maurice Durufle
Helen Spence, *soprano*

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Rest eternal.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

standing

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied,

'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

**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

standing or kneeling

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 listed in this morning's service leaflet, those we name now, silently or aloud, and those known only to God

Lord, have mercy

For the Church of the Province of Myanmar and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Christian Council

Lord, have mercy

For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, 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

standing

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

OFFERTORY

There Shall be Showers of Blessing

African American Heritage Hymnall #571

1. There shall be show - ers of bless - ing This is the
2. There shall be show - ers of bless - ing Pre - cious re -
3. There shall be show - ers of bless - ing Send them up -
4. There shall be show - ers of bless - ing O that to -

prom - ise of love; There shall be sea - sons re -
viv - ing a - gain; O - ver the hills and the
on us, O Lord; Grant to us now a re -
day they might fall, Now as to God we're con -

fresh - ing, Sent from the Sav - ior a - bove.
val - leys Sound of a - bun - dance of rain.
fresh - ing, Come and now hon - or Thy Word.
fess - ing, Now as on Je - sus we call!

Show - ers of
Show - ers, show - ers of bless - ing, Show - ers of bless - ing we need;

Mer - cy drops round us are fall - ing, But for the show - ers we plead.

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. [*Proper Preface*] 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

Hymnal S-127

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. —

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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.

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.**

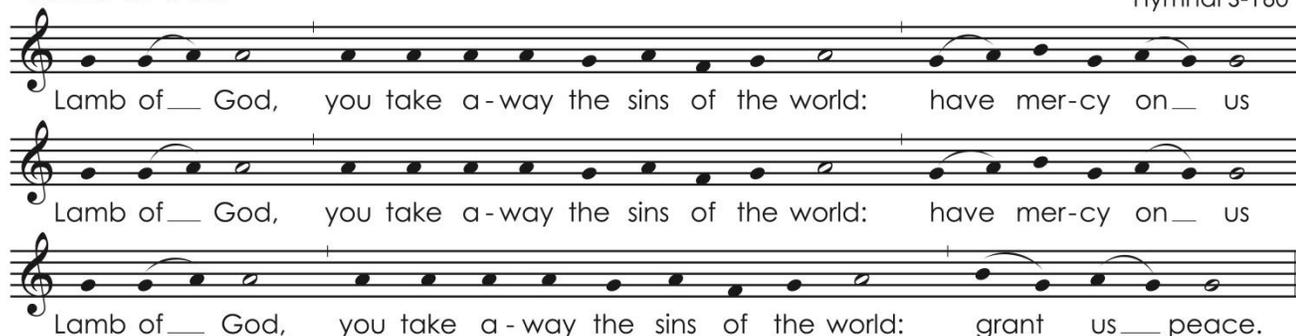
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Hymnal S-160



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.

Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens

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.

All ***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

-silence-

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

standing

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

seated

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE BLESSING

standing/kneeling

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

standing

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

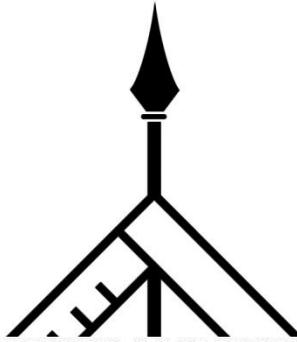
Parish Prayer List

Allen Family	Dawn & Family	Kizis family	Ray C
Alma	Delores	Kunjathan T	Reginald
Amanda W	Dennis	LaneFamily	Reid
Amber R	Donna E &family	Linda A	Rick R
Andre	Doug H	Lisa	Rob
Andy D	Elmer	Luke	Roberta B
Archer Family	Florette H	Lynn D	Roxanna
Arline	Fred & Lori	Lynsey & Marcia	Rue M
Alana D	Freda R	Marge C	Ruth
Austin A and family	Geoff C	Maria P	Samuel
Ayla H	Gina M	Marian & Family	Sande R
Beverly and Larry	Giorgio & Family	Marie	Sandy G
Becky	Grant Family	Marty O	Sandy S
Beryl K	Greg	Mary & Family	Sheila K
Bill & Sandy	Hale	Mary Lee S	Shirley
Blackman Family	Hailu He	Mary T	Sondra & Jeff
Bob T	HarrisonFamily	Michael	Sophia & Family
Bob & Katheryn	Ina	Mike & Angie	South Family
Brendan S	Jack	Mike R	Susan & family
Bryan A	Jane & Family	Morgan & Family	Stacy L
Cassandra T	Janice L	Nan	Stanley
Cathy	Javaris N	Nancy K	Stephanie W
Carol M	Jean & Richard P	Nate	Steven
Carolyn B	Jesse, Memphis &	Nathalie & Maya	Stover B
Cecily SH	family	Nelson	Sue G
Charles B	Jim G	Nicole	Sue J
Charile, Ellen &	Jim T	Nikki & Family	Terrie W
family	Johanna & Philip	Noah P	Thadine
Chaun	John R	Norman H	Tom P
Chris & Ginger	Jon T	Olivia	Thomas
Christine & Erich	Josh M	Pam Devoe	Velda P
Christine & Francis	Joyce K	Pat & Dan	Vicki
Christopher C	Jude	Pat & Emmett J	Vivian
Chuck	Jule & Family	Patricia J	Wanda
Cindy	June	Paula	Wayne
Claire E	Katharine	Perry Family	Weaver Family
Colin	Kelly & family	Peter & Mike	William M
Dale & Family	Ken & Family	Phil & Terri	Wilson Family
Dana S	Ken G	Philip	Witman Family
Darnell	Kevin	Phyllis	
David	Kiadii H	Rashida	

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

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie R	Jeremy	Matthew
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Bob	Josh	Nicholas
Bradley	Kagen	Stuart
Brett	Kate	Tina
Brian	Kathy	Tyler
Charlie K	Kevin	Victoria
Christie J	Luke	

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.



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