

**5TH SUNDAY
IN LENT**

**APRIL 3RD
5:00 PM**



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

The Day Thou Gavest

Hymnal 24

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
2. O Jesus is the light of the world,
3. As o'er each continent and island
4. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,

1 the darkness falls at thy behest;
2 the light no darkness can overcome.
3 the dawn leads on another day,
4 like earth's proud empires, pass away;

1 to thee our morning hymns ascend,
2 From first light of sun to shadows of evening
3 the voice of prayer is never silent,
4 thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,

1 thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2 we praise and bless your name, O God.
3 nor dies the strain of praise away.
4 till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
All the light no darkness can overcome.

Officiant Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
All and the day is almost over.

Officiant Let your light scatter the darkness
All and illumine your church.

Officiant God is our light and our salvation,
All our refuge and our stronghold.

Officiant From the rising of the sun to its setting,
All we praise your name, O God.

Officiant For with you is the fountain of life,
All and in your light we see light.

Officiant Behold, now is the acceptable time;
All now is the day of salvation.

Officiant Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
All that the light of your face may shine on us.

Officiant May your justice shine like the sun;
All and may the poor be lifted up.

LUCERNARIA

I am Thine, O Lord

LEVAS 129

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the
 3. Oh, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

1 told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
 2 pow'r of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a
 3 fore thy throne I spend; when I kneel in prayer, and with
 4 cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I

1 arms of faith, and be clo - ser drawn to thee.
 2 stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thing. Draw me
 3 thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
 4 may not reach till I rest in pece with thee.

near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the cross where thou has died, draw me
 near - er near - er

near - er, near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ;
may your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

All sit.

PSALMODY

Introit

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge, strip me not of my life.**

Let my prayer rise before you as incense;
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

African American Heritage Hymnal # 463

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart, in my
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my

1 heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. _____
2 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. _____
3 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. _____
4 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. _____

In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, In my

heart, 1 Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

All sit

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:16-4:12

Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.' They will listen to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.' I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go. I will bring this people into such favor with the Egyptians that, when you go, you will not go empty-handed; each woman shall ask her neighbor and any woman living in the neighbor's house for jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; and so you shall plunder the Egyptians."

Then Moses answered, "But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— "so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— "If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground." But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Near the Cross

LEVAS #29

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

1 Free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 2 There the Bright and Morn - ing Star sheds its beams a - round me.
 3 Help me walk from day to day with its shad - ows o'er me.
 4 Till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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PRAYERS

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Thomas, and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

All **To you, O Lord. Amen.**

Officiant We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

All **Amen.**

Be Still My Soul

African American Heritage Hymnal #135

1. Be still, my soul the Lord is on thy side! Bear pa - tient -
 2. Be still, my soul thy God doth un - der - take to guide the
 3. Be still, my soul the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to
 fu - ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi -
 be for ev - er with the Lord. When dis - ap - point - ment,

or - der and pro - vide. In ev - 'ry change He
 dence let noth - ing shake. All now mys - te - rious
 grief, and fear are gone. Sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul thy best, thy heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul the waves and winds still
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

POSTLUDE

Parish Prayer List

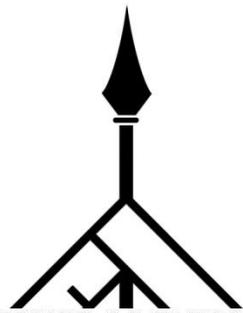
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Amber R	Donna E &family	LaneFamily	Reid
Andre	Doug H	Linda A	Rick R
Andy D	Elmer	Lisa	Rob
Archer Family	Florette H	Luke	Roberta B
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Alana D	Freda R	Lynsey & Marcia	Rue M
Austin A and family	Geoff C	Marge C	Ruth
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Becky	Grant Family	Marie	Sandy G
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Bryan A	Jack	Mike R	Susan & family
Cassandra T	Jane & Family	Morgan & Family	Stacy L
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Carolyn B	Jean & Richard P	Nate	Steven
Cecily SH	Jesse, Memphis &	Nathalie & Maya	Stover B
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We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
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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.

3/22/2021



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