

*St. Thomas Memorial Church
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist – Rite 2
March 22, 2026*



BEFORE WORSHIP: Please remember that many use the time before the first hymn quietly to pray and to prepare themselves for worship. If you need to speak to someone when you come into church then please do so in soft voices so as not to disturb those around you who may be praying.

Prelude

“Gethsemane”

John Jordan

Processional Hymn “Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways”

Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days. Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim, “Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways”.

Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise. Age after age their tragic empires rise, Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep: Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep, Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one; Nor till that hour shall God’s whole will be done, Now, even now, once more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man’s old, undaunted cry, “Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!”

CCLI #940217 Old 124th -Louis Bourgeois, 1551 – 1940 Hymnal

Starting on Pg. 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Penitential Sentence

Celebrant: 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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession (Pg. 320, BCP)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy

upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution (pg. 321, BCP)

Hymn #591 Kyrie (at the beginning of the hymn book).....Willan
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Priest Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

Psalm 130

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

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

Hymn #508 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

Before the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

After the Gospel

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

Sermon.....The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore

The Nicene Creed (Pg. 358, BCP)

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 worshipped 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.

Prayer Litany As we sing may we ask your prayers for: the church (its members and its mission), our nation (and all in authority), the welfare of the world, the concerns of our own community, for those who are sick, who suffer or are in any trouble, and for the departed. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Babs Alcorn, Sharon McIndoe, Helen Baker, Shammah Manirakiza, William McGrath, Burt Lugar, Meloni Murph, Alex Krushinski, and Patrick Upperman.

We also pray for non-parochial clergy, including the Reverends Simon Barnes, Norman Erb-White, and Mabel Fanguy, on our Diocesan cycle of prayer this week.

****Please see the bulletin insert for the Litanies, led this week by Matt Derby and Sara Gildersleeve.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

“When Jesus Wept” arr. A.F. Schultz

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering of Bread, Wine and Alms
The Great Thanksgiving (*Please stand*)
Eucharistic Prayer B (Pg. 367, BCP)

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.....Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Hymn #S114 Sanctus

Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues (Pg. 368 BCP)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... ..In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us.....“Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine.....“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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O lord of all presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine... ..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 forever. Amen.

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Hymn S158 O Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) -Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the sacrament at our altar rail.)

Communion Hymn #314 “Humbly I adore thee”

Hymn “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

After Communion the Priest says
Let us pray.

Priest and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Once to every man and nation”

Once to ev’ry man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God’s new Messiah, Off’ring each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever, ‘Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit and ‘tis prosp’rous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs Jesus’ bleeding feet I track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet ‘tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow Keeping watch above his own.

Ebenezer/Williams/Lowell

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Crucifixus”

Noel Rawsthorne

Lent and Holy Week Services

<u>Tuesdays during Lent:</u>	11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Guild Room
<u>Wednesdays during Lent:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service
<u>Fridays during Lent:</u>	5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (except Good Friday)
<u>Palm Sunday Services:</u>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (reading of Passion Gospel) 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (reading of Passion Gospel)
<u>March 30 & 31, April 1 (M-W)</u>	6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
<u>Maundy Thursday Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (Includes foot-washing)
<u>Good Friday Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3
<u>Easter Vigil Service:</u>	7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4
<u>Easter Day Services:</u>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (regular schedule) 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (regular schedule)

We welcome you to join us!

We at St. Thomas, members of the Body of Christ, are called by God to Grow;
Spiritually, in Parish Life, in Community Life, and as a Congregation.

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NV = Non-voting member

UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS:

Monday—Thursday 9 am Morning Prayer in the Thomas House Chapel

Tuesdays at 11 am Bible Study in the Guild Room

Wednesdays at 10 am Healing Eucharist Service in the Thomas House Chapel

Wednesdays at 7 pm Choir Practice in the Choir Room (basement)

Sundays at 9:30 Adult Sunday School in the Guild Room

** We have met the goal of our Annual Lenten Walk, entitled Walk with Mary! In the past four weeks, St. Thomas has logged 1,782 miles towards the 1,517 miles Mary walked from the hill country to Ephesus. We will continue the walk during the next two weeks.

** Lenten Mite boxes are available at the back of the church and Parish Hall. These are for spare change and dollars that will be used for a charitable cause determined by the Vestry.

** St. Thomas is scheduled to host one of the District 2 Lenten preaching series services on March 24. Dinner will be provided at 6 pm with the service starting at 7. Volunteers will be needed to help with the set up, service of food, and clean up.

** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 Easter Sunday service for children 12 and under. Please bring a basket or bag to collect the goodies. Parents are encouraged to help supervise and help the smallest participants during the hunt.

** The first Holy Hike of 2026, led by Fr. Guy Brown, will be held on April 11. Meet at St. Thomas at 8:30 before heading to Boyce Park. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, exercise, and fellowship.

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Thomas Fischer, Lauren Brown

First Lesson: Elaine Chilcote

Psalm: Lauren Brown

Second Lesson: Sara Gildersleeve

Leader, Prayers of the People: Litanies

Vergers: Theresa McClain

Ushers: Blake and Luke Krushinski

Coffee Hour Hosts: Pam & Matt Derby

Last week's attendance: 8:00: 19 (from 3/8) / 27 (from 3/15)

10:30: 59 (from 3/8) / 50 (from 3/15)

Total Donations: \$6,951.00 (this reflects donations from 3/8 and 3/15)