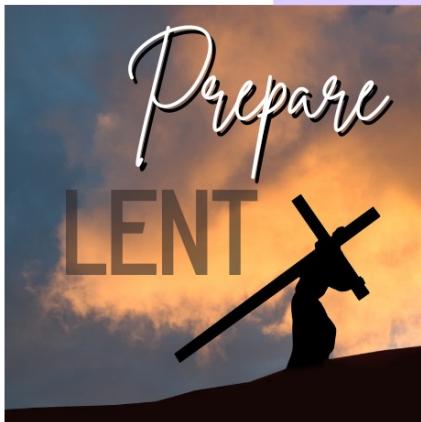
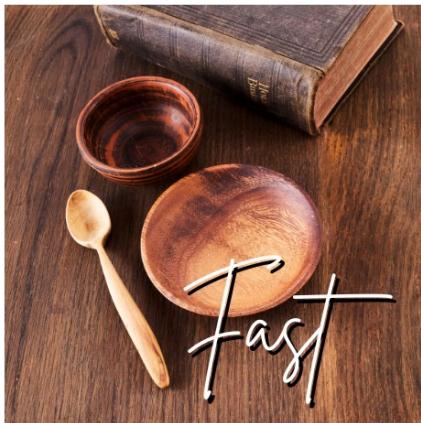


St. Thomas Church
Anglican - Episcopal
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Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025
10:00 AM

To Visitors and Newcomers: Hello and welcome to St. Thomas. We're glad you're here! Children of all ages are welcome. At the rear of the church there are rocking chairs for use if needed. Also, there is a staffed nursery where children to age 4 may stay for all, or part of the service. To help us get to know you, please fill out a Welcome Card you will find in the Pew. Please come to the parish hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. We invite you to be part of the St. Thomas Church Community!



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PRELUDE**PROCESSIONAL**

Kind Maker of The World, O Hear

Hymn #152

¹ Kind Maker of the world, O hear
the fervent prayer, with many a tear
poured forth by all the penitent
who keep this holy fast of Lent!

² Each heart is manifest to Thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity;
now we repent, and seek Thy face;
grant unto us Thy pardoning grace.

³ Spare us, O Lord, who now confess
our sins and all our wickedness,
and, for the glory of Thy Name,
our weakened souls to health reclaim.

⁴ Give us the discipline that springs
from abstinence in outward things
with inward fasting, so that we
in heart and soul may dwell with Thee.

⁵ Grant, O Thou blessed Trinity;
grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days
may work our profit and Thy praise!

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP p. 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please Kneel as you are able

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 ELEISON

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Ky-ri-e e - le - i-son, Christe e - le - i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i-son.

E m D C A C D E m D C A

Ky-ri-e e - le - i-son, Chris-te e - le - i-son.

C D E m D C A m D E m A

— Ky-ri - e e - le i - son.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

LESSON:

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

- 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.

EPISTLE:**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

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 5

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Luke 13:31-35

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

People 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.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Deacon Lisa Ueda

THE NICENE CREED

BCP pg. 358

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

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

BCP pg. 388

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn #337

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward,
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Please rise as you are able, as the offering is brought forward

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP pg. 361

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal #S130

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world
 Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymnal #S164

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The Wonder of Your Cross

A

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Robin Mark

1. The won - der of Your cross shall be our med - i - ta - tion,
2. To steal a - way at night when they took down Your bo - dy,
3. Were hea - ven's prai - ses si - lent in those hours of dark - ness,

to gath - er in that sha - dow as the sun went down,
with love and tears to leave You in a bor - rowed grave,
Your Ho - ly Spi - rit brood - ing 'round that emp - ty throne,

to weep with those who thought that You were leav - ing, You were leav - ing, Je - sus,
to go with Ma - ry to the place they laid You, where they laid You, Je - sus,
un - til the dec - lar - a - tion He is ris - en, You are ris - en, Je - sus,

the hum - ble King who ne - ver wore an earth - ly crown.
and in the mor - ning find the stone was rolled a way.
He is not dead, be - hold, He lives for - ev - er more.

B

The cross, O the wonder - ful cross, what glo - ry what vic - try I've found.

I'll come to the wonder - ful cross, and my whole life I'll lay down.

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Jesus Messiah

A1 B / A2 B / C B

*Carson, Tomlin,
Cash and Reeves*

A CCLI#541142

E E

F#m7

E/G#

1. He be - came sin who knew no sin, that we might be - come His
2 His bo -dy the bread, His blood the wine bro -ken and poured out

A

E

F#m7

right-eous - ness; He hum - bled Him - self and car -ried the cross.
all for love. The whole earth trem - bled and the veil was torn.

C#m

A

C#m

A

Love so a - maz - ing.
Love so a - maz - ing.

Love so a - maz - ing.
Love so a - maz - ing.

B

F#m/B

N.C.

E

Esus/D

E

Esus

D B

Je-sus Mes - si - ah; Name above all names; Blessed Re - dee - mer; E-man - u - el,

Esus

F#m

E

Esus/D

C#m

Esus/A

E

The rescue for sin - ners; The Ransom from heav - en; Je-sus Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

C

E

N.C.

F#m

E/G#

A

All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You;

E/G#

F#m

E/G#

A

Bsus

— all the glo - ry to You, God, the Light of the world.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP pg. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn #401

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

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3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
March 16, 2025 to Saturday, March 22, 2025

Birthdays

16 Debbie Paveletzke

Miles Fagan

17 David Gracey

18 Richard Haag

19 Will Ackell

Norah Geiger

Bob Bodway

22 Hazel Zaborski

Madison Acord

Ramona Griesbach

21 Betsy Fine

Wedding Anniversaries

No Commemorations

Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

18 Fr. John Peterson (58)

Faithful Departed

16 Anna Young

Nicholas Savas

17 Emma Schenandoah

Johanna Fairneny

18 Jennie Grode

19 Barbara Hill

20 Sylvester Wiatrowski

21 Richard Thickens

Lyle Hill

22 Jean Laux

Mission Partners

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
St. Patrick's Church

Betsy Hake – Honduras

Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

African Medical Mission

Boy Scouts Troop 3

Cub Scouts Pack 3003

Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC
– Chicago

Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry

Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

Auston Allen – Air Force

Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard

James Kopczynski – Army National Guard

Bruce McRae – Army Reserve

Andrew Shaffer - Army

Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army

Matthew Verich – Navy

KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

Deployed

Humberto Puga – Navy

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire; Precious Blood, Gardner. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for Pray for Adult Development including Adult Education, Bible studies, Cursillo, Men and Women's Ministry and Welcome/Hospitality including Coffee Hour, Fellowship Camp, Senior Lunch, Welcome Ministers, and St. Martha's Guild.

Flowers on the High Altar are given to the greater glory of God and in celebration for the life of and in memory of my Mom, Elvera Sopkiw, by Carol Hert.

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Oscar Zaborski Hazel Zaborski	Shari Lloyd James Miles
Eucharistic Team:	Val Phillip	Dave Morton
Prayer Ministry Team:	Kathy Peterson Fr. John Peterson	Jill Beverlin Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Barbara Hampton	Wade Lindholm
Ushers:	Fritz Kromenaker/ Keith Umland	Gordon Stillings/ Steve Krautsch
Preacher:	Deacon Lisa Ueda	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Jennie Land, Linda Smith Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston	Laura Lindstrom, Shari Lloyd
Vestry Announcements:	Jeanna Werbeckes	Martina Mims

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