

**The First Sunday in Lent
Scout Sunday
Youth and Young Adult Sunday
February 22, 2026
10:00 AM**

Celebrant: The Rev. Fr. Daren Evans
Homilist: Scout Troop #133
Youth Homilist: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw
Vergers: Karen Ragland and Eugene Golson
Music Ministry: St. Thomas Gospel Choir

Order of Service

A Meditation Prayer

Verger Eugene Golson

The Prelude

St. Thomas Music Ministry

The Opening Hymn- "Come By Here"

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (LEVAS) #162

1) Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

2) Someone needs You, Lord, come by here.
Someone needs You, Lord, come by here.
Someone needs You, Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

3) Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.
Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

4) Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here.
Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here.
Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

A Word of Welcome

The Celebrant

The Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives us.

The People: His mercy endures forever. AMEN

The Decalogue

BCP 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 and keep it holy.

AMEN. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and 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.

The Confession

BCP 360

The 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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Celebrant and The People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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

The Absolution

The 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**

The Kyrie eleison

The Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The People: Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also with you.

The Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Thomas Jackson, III

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more craftier than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Amelia Phillips

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

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."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Sakiyah Davis

A Reading from the Second Book of Peter.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn - "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

LEVAS #177 (vv. 1-2)

**Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.**

**1) Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.**

**2) Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer;
not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Fr. Shaw

The Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you

will not dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

The People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Hymn- “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

LEVAS # 177 (vv. 3-4)

**Refrain: It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer;
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer.**

**3) Not my father, nor my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer;
not my father, nor my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**4) Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer.
not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it’s me, O Lord,
standin’ in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

**The Homily
The Youth Homily**

**Scout Troop #133
Fr. Shaw**

The Call to Christian Discipleship

The Celebrant

**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

The Prayers of the People – Form IV BCP 388

Nathan Chapman and Lonnie Womack,
Scout Troop #133

Nathan: 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

Hear our prayer.

Lonnie: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Martini, our Rector; Daren our associate to the Rector; Gerald and Wil our Associate Priests; Karen and Eugene our Vergers; Paul our Associate Minister; and for all bishops and other ministers.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Nathan 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.

Lonnie: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Nathan: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lonnie: Bless us as we celebrate America250 and the many contributions of Black people in the growth of our nation.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Nathan: For those incarcerated: Guide them Lord in all they do with your Grace and Love and grant them your continual help. In all their problems, your guidance; in all their dangers, your protection; and in all their sorrows, your peace. And we remember and pray for those who may have been affected by their actions.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lonnie: For those who may be experiencing loneliness or sadness following the death of a loved one, grant them your presence and comfort.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Nathan: 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.

Lonnie: 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.

Nathan: 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.

Lonnie: Prince of Peace, help us.

God of Grace save us.

Nathan: In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas, Absalom, and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, Lord our God.

The Concluding Collect

The Celebrant

The Peace

The Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People: And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

The People: And also with you.

The Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

The People: We lift them to the Lord.

The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The 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. (*Celebrant adds a short Proper Preface*)

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The Celebrant and the People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant: 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:

The Memorial Acclamation

The Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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 forever. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

The Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

The People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

The Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

The People: Have mercy upon us.

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The Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

The People: Grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray: 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN

The 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.

The Distribution of Communion

(All baptized persons who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to receive the Holy Sacrament. If you only wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest.)

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant and People:

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

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Celebrant: In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

The People: We who are many are one body, and we all share one bread and one cup.

The Announcements

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

The Youth and Young Adult Announcements

Landon Leys

The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel

The Rector

The Final Blessing

The Celebrant

The Closing Hymn - "If It Had Not Been For the Lord On My Side"

**If it had not been
for the Lord on my side
Where would I be?
Where would I be?**

Chorus

**He kept my enemies away.
He let the sun shine
through a cloudy day
He rocked me in the cradle of his arms
when He knew I had been
battered and scorned.
(so if it)**

The Dismissal

The Postlude

St. Thomas Music Ministry

The End of Mass: This is a reminder that the Mass (service) ends following the closing hymn and dismissal. Please make an extra effort to refrain from unnecessary chatter and departure from the service before its conclusion. This request is being made to respect all gathered wishing to embrace the fullness of worship.