

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Petersburg, FL



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

10:00 am - Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together in the early days of our Lenten observance, we ready ourselves to worship God.

*For your convenience and use, the Book of Common Prayer is the red book in your pew racks,
the Hymnal is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise is the green book*

Prelude "Préambule" Louis Vierne

Choral Introit "Out of the Deep" Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir

Out of the deep I cry to Thee, Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.

Bow down Thy gracious ear to me, and let my prayer come to Thee. (Ps 130:1, Luther)

Sound of the Shofar

From its first hearing on Mt. Sinai until the hoped-for Day when the final blast will be sounded as Christ comes for those that are alive in Him, the Shofar has and will represent God's call to battle against evil. In the Jewish tradition the Shofar is particularly associated with the high holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and the themes of repentance encompassed by those sacred times. Hearing the shofar's call is a reminder for us to look inward and repent for the sins of the past year.

All standing, the Celebrant says,

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue: *Please kneel as able.*

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The Confession of Sin and Absolution *Kneeling*

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Deacon Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Please stand.

Trisagion
Blue Hymnal S101

"Holy God"

Ho-ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal

One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have

mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord tells us in scripture and preaching the stories of His saving acts in human history, of which we have become a part through baptism. We respond in hope, proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves and greeting one another in His name.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalm 130

Plainsong Chant



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD,/ hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is/ done amiss, *
 O Lord,/ who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with/ you; *
 therefore you/ shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for you, O LORD; my soul/ waits for you; *
 in your word/ is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the/ morning, *
 more than watchmen for/ the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the /LORD, *
for with the LORD there/ is mercy;
7 There is plenteous redemption with the/ Lord, *
who shall redeem Israel/ from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Roman 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn
Blue Hymnal 508

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

NOVA VITA

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while

Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martha Goodwill

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel.*

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ryan and Anne, our priests; Martha, our Deacon; and David, our Canterbury Chaplain.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Ken our Mayor, and all those in civic authority. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. We pray especially for Ukraine.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for Mark, Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Tara, Anne, Marsha, Mari, Madison, Don, Ed, Yvonne, Christie, Howard, Ann, Jean, Jan, Brooke, Greg, Elizabeth, Frances, Deborah, Kathy, Tina, Tony, Pat, David, Janet, Kim, Joe, Dorothy, Tim, and those we now name.....

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. Especially, those we now name

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up indifference and boldly care for your creation. May our prayers, work, and the labor of others at Benison Farm, community gardens, and all agricultural ministries provide rich yields, both tangible and spiritual.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence, give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

*To sustain us until he comes for the final time
the Lord comes to us now in His sacrifice banquet and we receive Him*

The Offertory
Chancel Choir

“Lord for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”

arr., Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercies sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue;
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen*

Please stand.

The Presentation Hymn
Blue Hymnal 166

“Praise and Honor to the Father”

PANGE LINGUA
Vs. 6

Musical notation for the hymn "Praise and Honor to the Father". It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run."

The Great Thanksgiving †

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S122

Musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power 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."

After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S160

"Lamb of God"

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.

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
 If you desire a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host is available.
 As part of our life together at St. Thomas Church, we continue a ministry practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ – the laying on of hands
 and anointing with oil. If you wish additional prayer for any reason, please gather around the Baptismal font after you receive Holy
 Communion. We welcome you to participate in this life-enriching ministry.*

Communion Hymn

"I Am the Bread of Life"

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Blue Hymnal 335

The Post-communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

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.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD’S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ. As our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Please kneel as you are able or incline your head.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal 665

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

MICHAEL

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Cortège”

Flor Peeters



Easter Flowers

The glorious Day of Resurrection is April 9th and the Flower Guild is making preparations to beautify the church building for this most important Feast Day. If you would like to make a donation for flowers appropriate for the day, in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a family member or for a special occasion, please fill in the form below and send it with a check in the amount of \$30 to the church office. The deadline is Monday, April 2nd in order for your dedication to appear in the bulletin. We do hope that you will want to glorify God in this unique ministry for this Holy Day.

Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name: _____

Name of person(s) to be remembered:

or thanksgiving:

Community Announcements

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10 am

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Thursdays at 9:15 am in the Founder's Room

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 am in the Founder's Room.

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

SUPPER, SONG, AND PRAYER

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Saturday, April 1st, 1pm - Tall Ships Festival. We will be able to walk on the Tall Ships, but children 6 or under will need to bring and wear their own life jackets. The church will pay for the chaperones' and kids' tickets. Bring your friends!

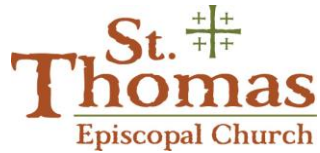
For all events, reserve tickets by calling or texting Mtr. Anne at 954-253-4414.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Thomas' Art Project with Dee Perconti presents: Stations of the Cross. See Dee's vision of unity through her interpretation of the Stations.

ST. THOMAS' ART PROJECT

The St. Thomas' Art Project invites all congregants and Canterbury School of Florida students, parents, faculty, and staff to help us complete our upcoming art show, Peace Takes Flight. In addition to our origami dove project (please keep folding those doves!) we'd like to have art on the ambulatory walls in the church for our opening reception on **Friday, April 21**. Please see the details on the Draft which can be found on the home page of our website: <https://www.stthomasstpete.org/>



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

Acolytes: Colin Burkhart Luke Evanoff, Jace Viera

Altar Guild: Anne Elstun, Barbara Bice

Camera Operator: Molly Goodwill

Coffee Host: Laura Reitan

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Stiles

Healing: Anne Elstun

Lectors 10am: Kanika Tomalin, David Gould

Musicians: Chancel Choir

Oblations: Anne and Jim Elstun

Prayers of the People: Mary Mellstrom

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