

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Camden, Maine

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

The ministers of the Liturgy enter in silence

Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer page 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

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Kyrie

The Collect of the Day

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 for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall

never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Sermon

The Rev. Van Bankston

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People V

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Blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, and other life events

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Organ Offertory

Offertory Hymn 448 vv. 1-3 O love, how deep *Deus tuorum militum*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I* page 333

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread page 337

The Communion

This is God's table; all are welcome

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days *St. Flavian*

Dismissal **R/** *Thanks be to God*

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon
Lay Readers: Pat Ayers, Edmund Hartt
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Ushers: Edmund Hartt

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, February 18:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15 a.m. Sunday Forum & Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday, February 21:

9:30 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer and Healing Service
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, February 22:

5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.

W*elcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a blue card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

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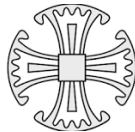
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