

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 - 10 a.m.



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Camden, Maine

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II


*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 351

Celebrant



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.


Confession of Sin & Absolution

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Hymn S95


Kyrie

Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Sequence Hymn #318

Here O my Lord

Nyack

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Briggs

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

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn #575 Before they throne

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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Hymn S 124

Sanctus



The Communion

This is God's table; all are welcome

Postcommunion Prayer

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Solemn Prayer Over the People

Hymn #409

The spacious firmament

Creation

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God*

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs

Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley

Acolytes:

Lay Readers: Haunani Wallace, Sarah Groman

Prayers of the People: Doc Wallace

Ushers: Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, March 3:

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. Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Wednesday, March 6:

9:30 a.m. Healing Prayer and Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, March 7:

5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 8:

8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. St. Thomas Fair Committee Meeting
All are welcome to
join us in the conference room as
we discuss the upcoming summer fair.

Sunday, March 10:

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

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

Welcome 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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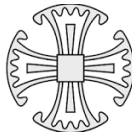
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