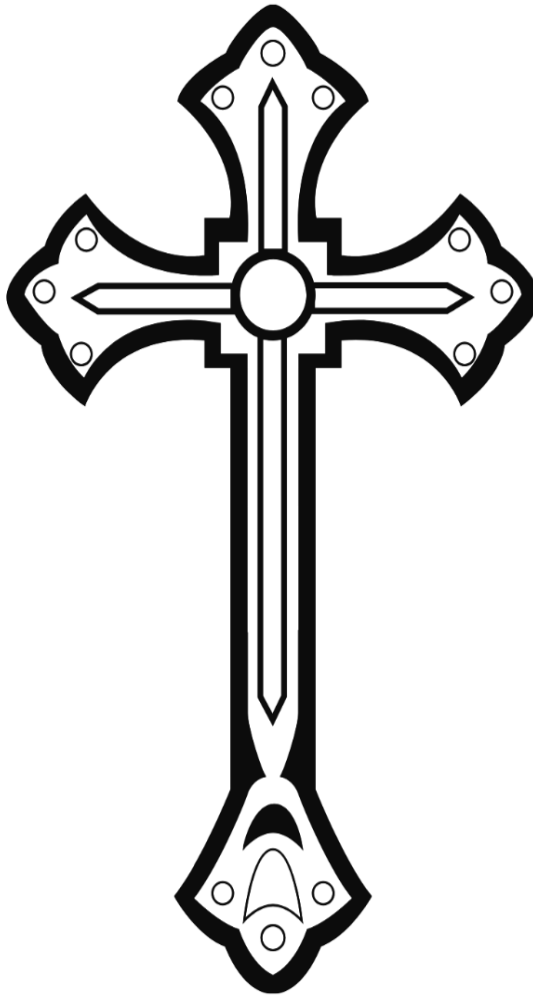


# First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025



**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 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

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## The Collect

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.*

## A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy [26:1-11]

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before

the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## **Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

## **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans [10:8b-13]**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [4:1-13]**

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**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**

**Organ Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn WLP 810**

On Eagle's Wings

*Sojourner*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust."

#### ***Refrain***

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my Hand".**

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under God's wings your refuge,  
With faithfulness your shield.

#### ***Refrain***

For to the angels God's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### ***Refrain***

**The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I***

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**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 Reader: Pat Ayers

Prayers of the People: Pam Bardon

Usher: Peggy Daniels

## People in our Prayers

**Healing:** Kristina Shea, Virginia Johns, Ted and Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, Nancy Remchuk, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Lynne, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Matthew Jackson, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Nick, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**For the repose of the soul:** Fred Jordan

**March Birthdays:** Michael Moore (5), Andrew Moran (6), Joseph Kulick (14), Jamie Popejoy (17), Terry Mello (19), Marilyn Smith (20), Benjy Lowry (27)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Dunstan's, Ellsworth, St. Columba's, Boothbay Harbor, For those struggling with addiction

### ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

#### **Sunday, March 9:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Parish Hall*)  
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Tuesday, March 11:**

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

#### **Wednesday, March 12:**

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

#### **Sunday, March 16:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 Coffee Hour (*Parish Hall*)  
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

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