

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025



**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 enter in silence.*

**Penitential Order**  
**Confession of Sin & Absolution**  
**Hymn S102**

The Book of Common Prayer, page 351  
page 352  
*Kyrie*

Holy God    Trisagion

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

## The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis [15:1-12,17-18]

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to

him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

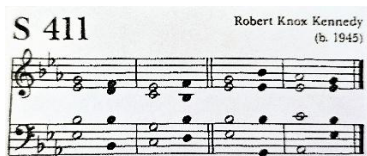
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

*People:* Thanks be to God

## Psalm 27



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I/ fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be a/ fraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my /flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and /fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp a/ gainst me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be a/ fraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up a/ gainst me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I /seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my /life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the /LORD \*  
and to seek him in his /temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his /shelter; \*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a /rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my/ head \*  
above my enemies round a/bout me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great /gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the /LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I /call; \*  
have mercy on me and /answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my/ face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I /seek.

12 Hide not your /face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in dis/pleasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not a/way; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my sal/vation.

14 Though my father and my mother for/sake me, \*  
the LORD will sus/tain me.

15 Show me your way, O/ LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my /enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my /adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak /malice.

17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the/ LORD \*  
in the land of the /living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your /heart; \*  
wait patiently for the/ LORD.

### **A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians [3:17-4:1]**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to

himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn 635** If thou but trust in God to guide thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [13:31-35]**

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel of the Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*People:* Praise to you, Lord 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**

**Offertory Hymn 441**

In the cross of Christ

*Rathbun*

**The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A***

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## Hymn S 124

*Sanctus*



## The Lord's Prayer

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## Hymn S 163

*Fraction Anthem*



## The Communion

*This is God's table; all are welcome*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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## Solemn Prayer Over the People

## Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

*Leoni*

## Dismissal R/ *Thanks be to God*

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Paul Briggs  
Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jacqueline Recht, Derek Reed  
Lay Readers: Kate Jackson, Dean Jackson  
Prayers of the People: Bill Freeman  
Ushers: Jim Ebbert, Dean Jackson

### **People in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Jerry Hoff and Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Virginia Johns, Ted and Kit Wagner, Tony, Dana, 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 and Nancy Remchuk

**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. Luke's, Wilton , St. Anne's, Calais, For parishes in transition

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

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

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*)

**Wednesday, March 19:**

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Healing Service  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)  
4:00 p.m. Tower Committee Meeting

**Sunday, March 23:**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
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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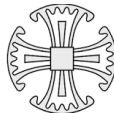
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