

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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, 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.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [43:16-21]

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians [3:4b-14]

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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People: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [12:1-8]

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Offertory Hymn 457

Thou art the way

St. James

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

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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 450

All hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

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: Sandy Lyle

Lay Reader: Jan Lyle

Prayers of the People: Sandy Lyle

Usher: Peggy Daniels

People in our Prayers

Healing: Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, 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, 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.

April Birthdays: Carol Freeman (2), Susan Stopper (12), Kate Jackson (12), Jean Cox (19), Sally Ann Williamson (21), Kelli McGuire (22), Vicki Boetsch (25), Jim Ebbert (26), Suzanne Thomas (26), John Mattern (28)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Winthrop; refugees, asylees, and the ministries that serve them

This Week at St. Thomas'

Sunday, April 6:

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*)

Tuesday, April 8:

4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting
5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 9:

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Healing Service
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Tower Committee

Palm Sunday, April 13:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Begins in Parish Hall)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Begins in Parish Hall)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Parish Hall*)
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4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

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