



The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026 9:30 a.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 visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.

The Great Litany

All stand.

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth. **Have mercy on us.**
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.**
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us.**

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent. **Savior deliver us.**
From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, **Savior deliver us.**
From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**
From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**
In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, **Savior deliver us.**
By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, **Savior deliver us.**
By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, **Savior deliver us.**
By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.**
By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. **Hear us, O Christ.**

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Janet, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Bless and keep all your people, **Hear us, O Christ.**

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Guard and protect all children who are in danger. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O Christ.**
Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. **Hear us, O Christ.**

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy on us.**

Those going to Chirdren's Chapel come forward. The Officiant says to the congregation

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

People **We will.**

The Officiant then says to the chapel participants

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

Chapel Participants **We will.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis [2:15-17; 3:1-7]

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Remain seated.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding-place;
 you preserve me from trouble; *
 you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
 I will guide you with my eye.
¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
 who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
 or else they will not stay near you."
¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
 but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
 shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [5:12-19]

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 448 vv. 1-3

O love how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

All stand.

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [4:1-11]

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

¹[After Jesus was baptized, he] was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Creed

All stand.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.



Announcements may be made.

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Offertory Hymn LEVAS 188 It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

People and Celebrant

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tious sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

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February Birthdays: Sue Such (2), Leamon Scott (3), Cathy Harrell (6), Ron Zdrojeski (11), Sarah Groman (18), Teague Buchanan (21), Isa Babb (28), Rachel Bok-Goldman (28)

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas', Rumford, St. Ann's, Windham, St. Francis by the Sea, Blue Hill

This Week at St. Thomas'

The First Sunday in Lent, February 22:

Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall

Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Conference Room*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

Wednesday, February 25:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donovan Bowley for link*)

Saturday, February 28

7:30 p.m. Outreach Dance (*Parish Hall*)

The Second Sunday in Lent, March 1:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)

Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Conference Room*)

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

Upcoming

March 13, 14, 15, 18

Holy Cow! Listening Sessions

Palm Sunday, March 29

Return to Two Services, 8 & 10 a.m.

Easter Eve, April 4

7:30 p.m. THE GREAT VIGIL OF
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