



# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 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 ministers enter in silence*

## Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Children's Chapel participants come forward as the following is sung:*

**Hymn S 102**

Holy God

*Archangelsky*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 First book of Samuel [16:1-13]

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 23

*Remain seated.*

- <sup>1</sup>**The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**
- <sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup>**He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.**
- <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- <sup>5</sup>**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- <sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Ephesus [5:8-14]

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

Sequence Hymn 671 v.v. 1-3

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

*New Britain*

*All stand.*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
5 \* When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

*All stand.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [9:1-41]

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me,

‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”<sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*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 Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or presider*

Faithful People of Christ, let us turn again in prayer to our merciful God as we prepare our hearts for the paschal mystery, crying out "O Christ, hear us."

*Intercessor*

We pray for this holy people, the Church, that we may repent of division and strife and be rekindled as Christ's light in a troubled world. We pray for Thomas, our bishop and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

Let us pray,

***O Christ, hear us.***

We pray for our nation and the nations of the world, that those who exercise the gift of authority may be inspired and guided by God's justice and mercy. We pray that they may share in God's wisdom and a love for peace that knows no bounds.

Let us pray,

***O Christ, hear us.***

We pray for the oppressed and for those who live in strife, that they may know God's protecting hand. We pray that we may be convicted in our hearts to be an advocate for those who have no defender.

Let us pray,

***O Christ, hear us.***

We pray for all those impacted by the imperfect systems meant to care for children who cannot remain with their families of origin. We pray especially for these children, and for judges and social workers, foster and biological families, school and community members, that healing and peace may be found.

Let us pray,

***O Christ, hear us.***

We pray for those who suffer, for the ill and those who mourn, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love. We pray today for those we name now, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Let us pray,

***O Christ, hear us.***

We offer our thanksgivings and we rejoice in the blessings of this life. We give thanks and pray for all those who prepare to be baptized, for their sponsors, and those to be confirmed, received, or renew their baptismal vows. We give thanks today for and all that we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence

Let us pray,  
**O Christ, hear us.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may be welcomed by God's holy angels into that heavenly city, where there is neither grief nor suffering, but joy forevermore. We pray today for John Andrews and any you would name here.

Silence

Let us pray,  
**O Christ, hear us.**

Presider

Gather us, great Shepherd of the flock, and feed us with your heavenly feast. Grant us grace to continue this Lenten journey that we may find joy with you in the midst of suffering, that we may find life even in the shadow of death. To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we offer all these prayers, in the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for Birthday, Anniversary, travel, etc.

All stand.

Celebrant           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.

## The Holy Communion

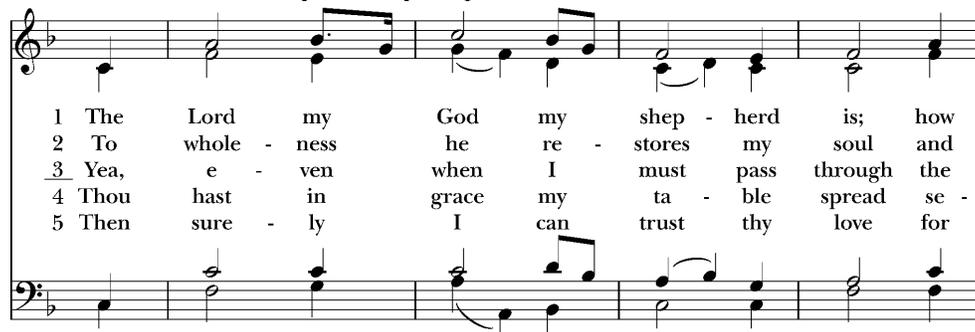


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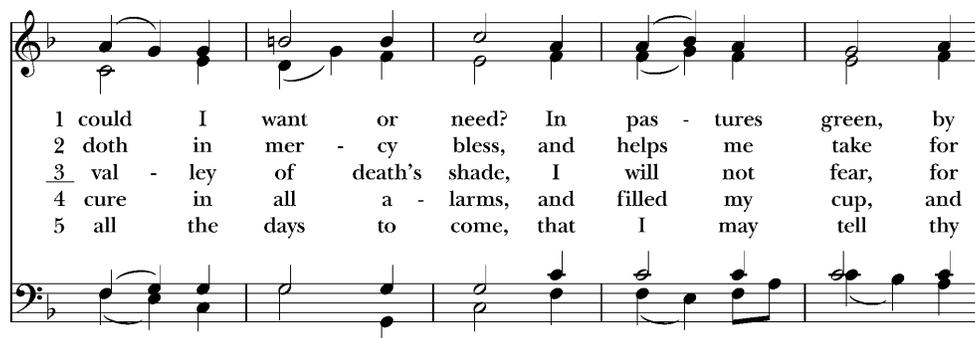
### Offertory Hymn 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

*Crimond*



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus 124

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

*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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem S 157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant those whom you have nourished.

### Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*Schmücke dich*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;  
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs  
 Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder  
 Pianist: Lizzie Danchi  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson, Doc Wallace  
 Readers: Kate Jackson, Edmund Hartt  
 Prayers of the People: Dean Jackson  
 Ushers: Diane Purkey, Bobby Purkey

### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Mary Mitchell, Morgan Forster, Fred McLaughlin, Kate Pinson, Karen Nolan, Tim C., Bill, Jan, Marieda Hunt, Patrick Coleman, Jan L., Miriam, The Nisbet Family, Wendy, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br. Richard Biernacki BSG, Jeff, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diana Mohr, Gwen, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Kristina Shea, Tony, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Gay Schueler, Pat Medley, Timothy Darling, Leah, Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Helen Russell

**March Birthdays:** Mike Moore (5), Kristen Burkholder (5), Andrew Moran (6), Paul Briggs (9), Joe Kulick (14), Jamie Popejoy (17), Terry Mello (19), Benjy Lowry (27)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** St. Brendan the Navigator, Deer Isle, St. Andrew's, Newcastle, For parishes in transition

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

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)  
Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Church*)  
11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Listening Session (*Conference Room*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

### **Wednesday, March 18:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom (*Contact Donovan Bowley for link*)

### **Friday, March 20:**

4:00 p.m. Way of the Cross

### **Saturday, March 21:**

11:00 a.m. Burial Office & Eucharist: John Andrews

### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22:**

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)  
Inquirer's Classes following 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (*Church*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

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

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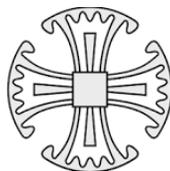
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# Holy Week and Easter 2026

With the Episcopal Community of St. Thomas

<b>Sunday of the Passion</b> March 29	8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy with Hymns 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy ( <i>Begins in Parish Hall</i> ) 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> )
<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> March 30	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> )
<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> March 31	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> )
<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> April 1	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 9:30 a.m. Eucharist with Prayers for Healing ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> )
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 2	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 5:30 p.m. Agape Meal ( <i>Parish Hall-Bring Mediterranean Food</i> ) 6:30 p.m. Liturgy ( <i>Foot washing, Eucharist, Stripping of Altar</i> ) 8:00 p.m. Nightwatch ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> )
<b>Good Friday</b> April 3	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer ( <i>Lady Chapel</i> ) 12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Chestnut Street Baptist 4:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross ( <i>at St. Thomas</i> )
<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 4	9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy ( <i>A brief service of the Word</i> )
<b>Easter Eve</b>	7:30 p.m. THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER ( <i>Begins Parish Hall</i> ) St. Thomas will be hosting this service for all mid-coast Episcopal, Lutheran, and United Methodist congregations: Kindling the new fire, stories of salvation history, baptisms and confirmation, procession to the church for Easter acclamation and first Eucharist of Easter. Bishop Thomas Brown, celebrant, Dr. Deirdre Good, preacher. Sean Fleming, musician. Reception following. Bring a handbell!
<b>Easter Day</b> April 5	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Rite I) 10:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (Rite II- <i>bring a handbell</i> )



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