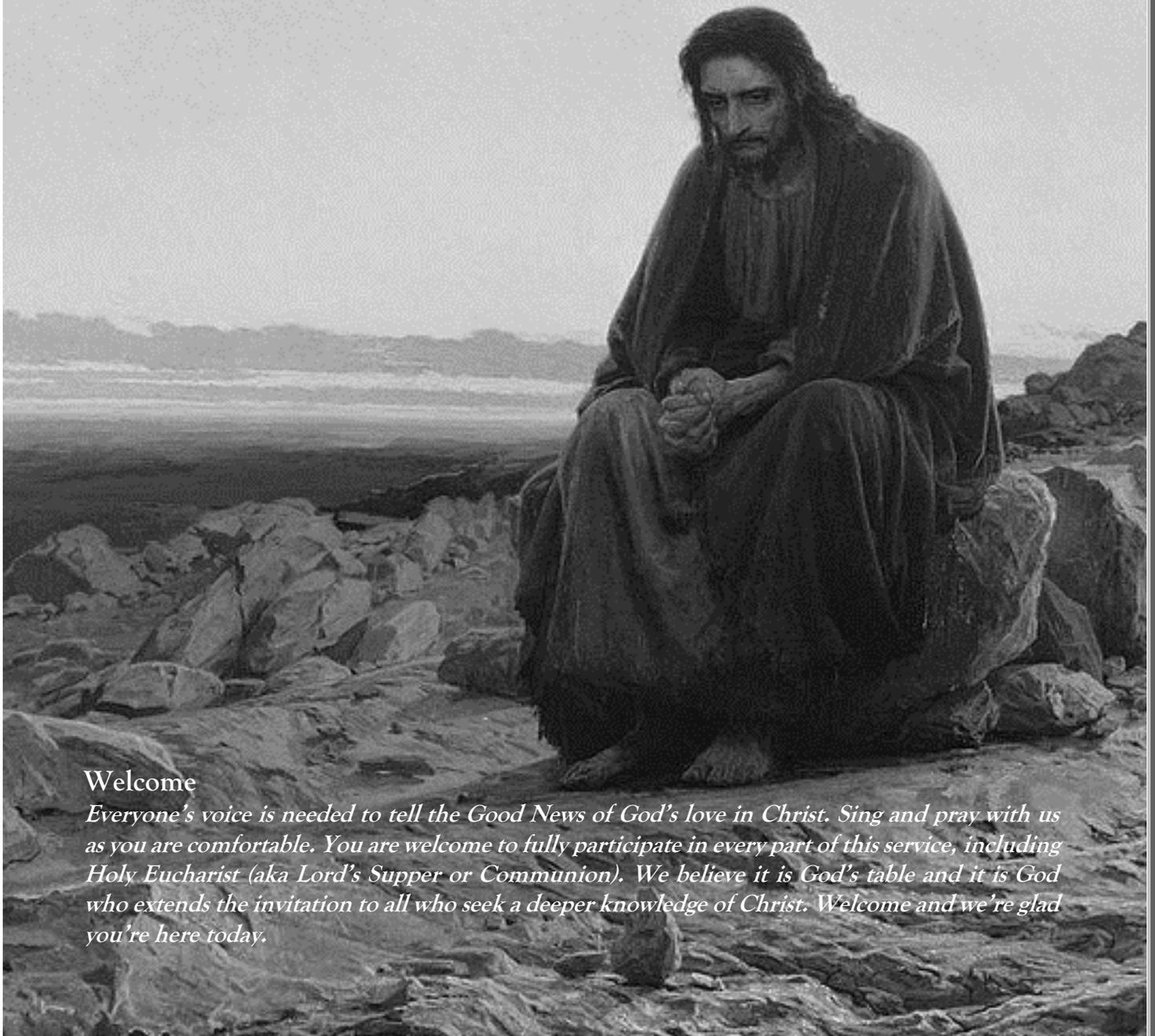


ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019



Welcome

Everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper or Communion). We believe it is God's table and it is God who extends the invitation to all who seek a deeper knowledge of Christ. Welcome and we're glad you're here today.

Prelude "As the Deer"

Hymn 149 "Eternal Lord of Love, behold your church"

✦ Please stand, as able

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Confession of Sins

✦ Celebrant says Let us confess our sins to God. Silence may be kept.

All say:

GOD OF ALL MERCY, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you ✦ all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

✠ *Please be seated.*

Reading

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“The Lord is my Light”

Taizé

✠The Gospel is processed into the midst of the congregation.

Theme A

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust, in God I trust. The

Fine

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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, 'God will command the 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, the devil departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*

The Reverend Alex Dyer

Nicene Creed

✠ *Standing*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Enriching our Worship

The Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been modified for more inclusive language.

The Prayers of the People

✠ *All remain standing as able*

Celebrant

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

Intercessor

We pray for the whole church, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Mariann, Bishop of Washington; for all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through,

And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. We pray the leaders of this, and every, nation can put aside the need to have dominion over other nation and rather follow your desires.

Purge us from our sin,

And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,

that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.

Give them the joy of your saving help,

and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Cast them not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements & Welcome

Invitation and Offertory Sentence

✠ *The offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Celebrant prepares the altar.*

**You can also text STTHOMASDC (\$AMOUNT) to 73256 to give to General Fund using our Realm software. Standard text message rates do apply.*

Offertory Anthem

“God knows the very heart of you”

Tate

*God knows the very heart of you and longs
for you to live in love and peace.*

*God knows the very heart of you and gives
you a future and a hope, and gives you a
future and a hope.*

*God will wipe every tear from your eyes.
The former things are passing away.*

*There is rest for the weary and the lost,
for all who put their hope in God.
All who trust in God's name will find strength,
soaring high upon eagle's wings.
Call out to God and hear a voice that comforts you
and brings you home.*

The Great Thanksgiving



We invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

To receive communion, take the bread in the palm of your hand.

Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you.

*If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine but would like a blessing,
please come forward and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders
and a priest will provide a blessing.*



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to Christ's command;
**We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

✦ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✦ *Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar.
All enter via the center aisle (alternating sides for each person) and return via the side aisles.*

Communion 150

"Forty days and forty nights"

Prayer after Communion

✠ *Said by all, standing.*

ETERNAL GOD,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 142

“Lord, who throughout these forty days”

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us Bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



PRAY FAST GIVE



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