



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

February 21, 2021 10 A.M.

VOLUNTARY

Adagio sostenuto

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827), *Sonata No. 14 in C# minor* ("Moonlight"), Op. 27, 1801

The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.

THE GREAT LITANY

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.**

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.**

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.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to Joe, the President of the United States, Ned, the Governor of this state, and Justin and Toni, the mayors of our towns, 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.**

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.**

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.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Forty days and forty nights (150, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.
 Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:9-15

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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Presider and People

**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,
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.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

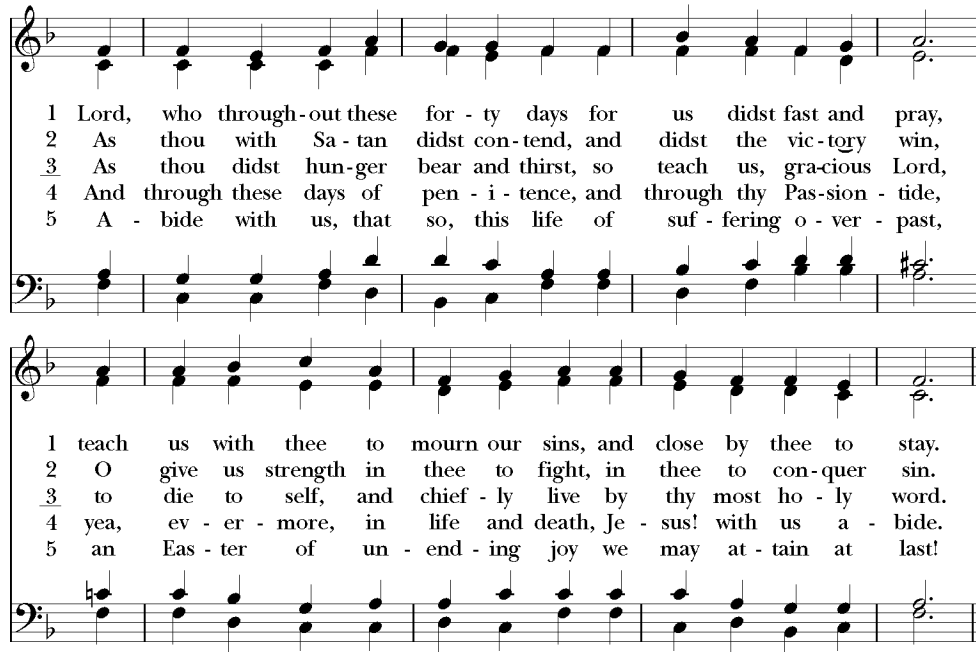
People: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!

HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days (142, *The Hymnal* 1982)



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last three lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - to - ry win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,
1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF COMMUNION *[The Rev. Keri Aubert]*

Presider and People

**Holy God, we are your people,
bound to you by Jesus Christ,
through whom you assumed our fleshly vulnerability,
and in whom we find salvation and reconciliation.**

**We remember his birth, and grow in joy;
we remember his life, and grow in love;
we remember his passion, and grow in compassion;
we remember his resurrection, and grow in hope;
for all this, we give thanks.**

**As we course through our days,
make us ministers of your abiding Word,
with the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] 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.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I waited for the Lord

I waited for the Lord,
he inclined unto me,

he heard my complaint.

O blest are they that hope and trust in him.

Words: Psalm 40:1,4 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Symphony No. 2* (“Lobgesang”), Op. 52, 1840

After the Anthem, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. If you’re looking for ways to observe Lent, check out the suggested resources in Thursday’s Enews.

Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. February 25, Week 3: Hymns. We are using the [Yale Bible Study - Psalms](#) curriculum. Details are in the Enews.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Keri Aubert

Musician: Dr. Noah Horn

Lectors: Jenny Chavira, Bill English

Intercessor: Madeleine Anderson

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:
Sally, Franklin

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including those who work in healthcare and those who have lost their livelihood

Pray for those have died, especially:
Bonnie Dowdell (Alexandria and Heather Robison’s grandmother)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

St. Timothy’s, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael’s, Fairfield; St. James’, Farmington; All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT- wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:
France, Germany, Monaco

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