



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

## Service of Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

February 26, 2020

7 P.M.

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### If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** Please consider filling out a blue visitor information card (located in the pew rack). You can use the form to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting for you on the table just inside the main church entrance.

**Families with small children:** Three seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Education for All Ages** takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

**Restrooms for men and women** are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion** hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

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*To follow along with the service you will need this service bulletin as well as The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book in the pew racks).*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Meditation on Adoro te devote  
Charles Callahan (b. 1951), Op. 74, 1992

*The Ministers and Choir enter in silence and are seated. The People remain seated for the Introit.*

### INTROIT

A Prayer of King Henry VI

Jesu Christ, Lord Almighty,  
Who didst create me, and redeem me,  
and hast brought me now to that which I am:

Thou knowest what Thou wilt have me to be,  
Deal with me according to Thy loving kindness,  
And show me Thy mercy, Lord. Amen.

Words: Henry VI of England (1421–1471) Music: Henry George Ley (1887–1962), 1944

*At the invitation of the Presider, all stand.*

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



The LORD knows where - of we are made; he re - mem - bers that we are



but dust.

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.  
 9 He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
     nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. [Antiphon]  
 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
     so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.  
 12 As far as the east is from the west, \* so far has he removed our sins from us.  
 13 As a father cares for his children, \* so does the Lord care for those who fear him.  
 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
     he remembers that we are but dust. [Antiphon]

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Eternal Lord of love (149, *The Hymnal 1982*)

## THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:1-6,16-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## THE SERMON

*All stand.*

## THE INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

*Presider*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept. The People may kneel or remain standing.*

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Presider*

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*The Presider imposes ashes on the People, beginning with the Choir, with the following words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*During the imposition of ashes, the Choir sings the following anthem.*

## ANTHEM

Miserere mei Deus

Miserere mei Deus  
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam  
et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum  
dele iniquitatem meam  
amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea  
et a peccato meo munda me  
quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco  
et peccatum meum contra me est semper  
tibi soli peccavi  
et malum coram te feci  
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis  
et vincas cum judicaris  
ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum  
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea  
ecce enim veritatem dilexisti  
incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Words: Psalm 51:1-7 Music: Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

*The People may stand or kneel.*

*Presider and People*

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Prsider*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true

repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

## THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

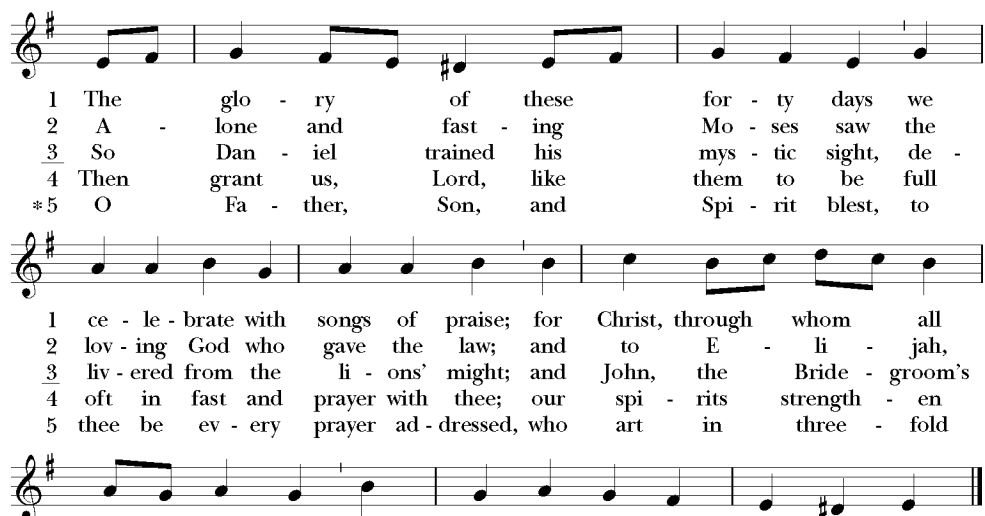
*The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All stand for the **Offertory Hymn**, during which the collection, the gifts are carried forward, and the altar is prepared. Our usual practice is to gather around the altar at this time. But for this service **the People remain in the pews for the Eucharistic prayer.***

### OFFERTORY HYMN

The glory of these forty days (143, *The Hymnal 1982*)



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. Copyright © by permission Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
Music: *Erhalat uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider and People*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

256, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is marked 'Leader' and '(piano)'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'pow'r\_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third system continues: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.





Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham (1928–2019), *Freedom Mass*, 1989. Based on traditional African melodies.

*Presider*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

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

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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

270, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world: grant us peace.

Music: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (b. 1930), 1990

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each*

*station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,  
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;  
for we confess our sins unto thee,

and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy's sake,  
deliver us from all our sins.

Words: Psalm 27:12 Music: Richard Farrant (c1525–1580)

*After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider*

Bow down before the Lord. [*Silence is kept.*] Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul (411, *The Hymnal* 1982)

## DISMISSAL

Presider: [*The Presider dismisses the People.*]

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit  
Johann Christian Kittel (1732–1809)

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## Announcements

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**Coming Soon: Two-Part Lenten Series on *Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith for the Common Good – Soup Supper and Conversation March 4 & 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.*** Hosted by our Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee, we will share a simple meal of soup/bread/salad and also share conversation and reflection while we read *Revolution of Values: Reclaiming Public Faith For the Common Good* by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Additional details are in the Enews.

**Loaves & Fishes.** Please donate non-perishable food items.

**Our Little Free Library always needs books.** Just pop them in yourself.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week’s Weekly Parish Enews.



### Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Choir Director:** Hannah Goodwillie

**Organist:** Laura Richling

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