

The Holy Eucharist

March 20, 2022

10:00 am

The Third Sunday in Lent



Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the Greeter at the door.

We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals. We also have copies of *The Sunday Paper* and *The Sunday Paper Junior* to help children and their adults understand the day's scripture.

Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate; we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email.

If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please speak to either the Greeter or the clergy. Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net.

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.

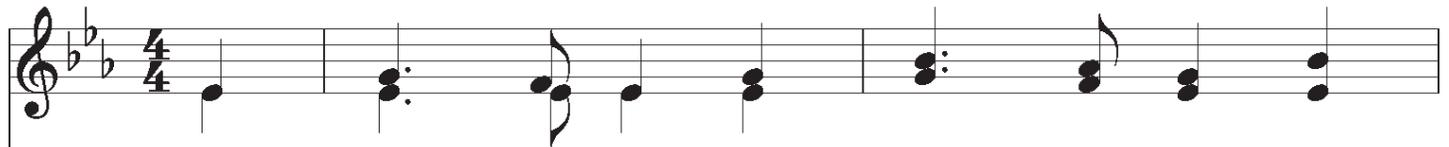
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The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

At the cross

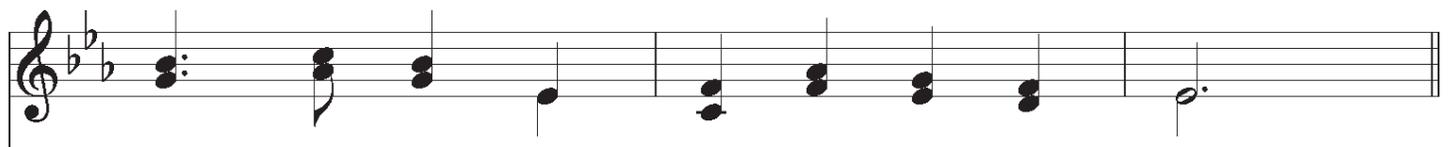
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1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2. Was it for crimes that I have done, He
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while
5. But drops of tears can ne'er re - pay the



1. did my Sov' - reign die? Would He de - vote that
2. groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
3. shut its glo - ries shut in; when God, the might - y
4. His dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in
5. debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



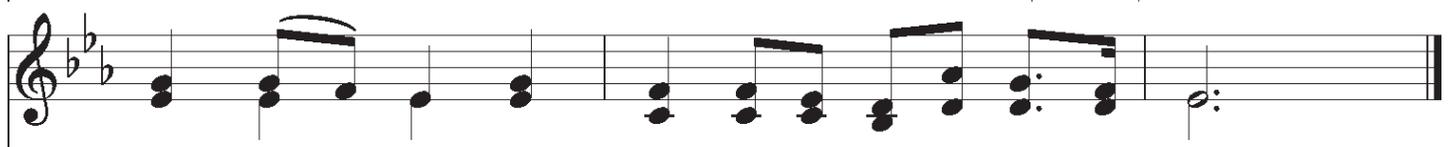
1. sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
2. Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
3. mak - er, died for His own crea - ture's sin.
4. thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
5. self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.



At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way; it was there by faith I re -



ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day.

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their

sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8 *Said responsively.*

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷ For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

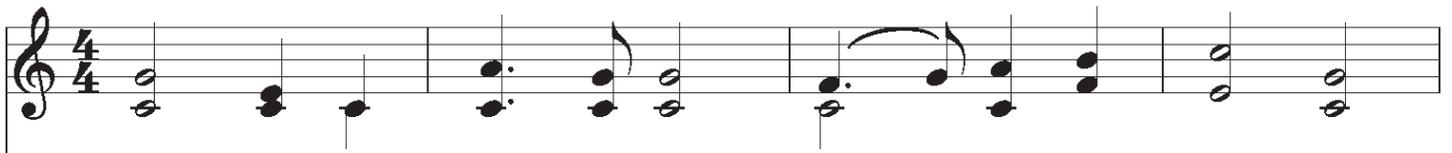
Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *We sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after.*

Come, ye disconsolate

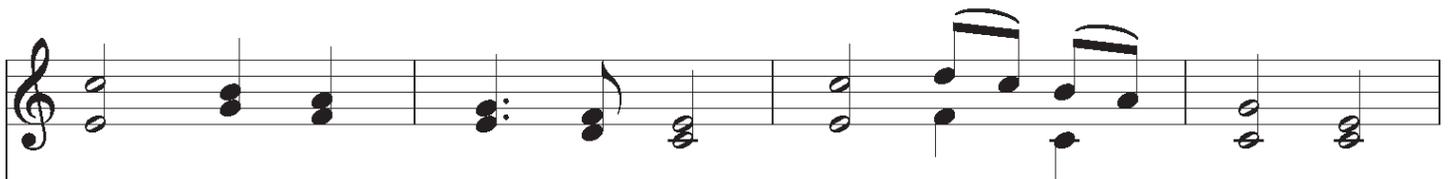
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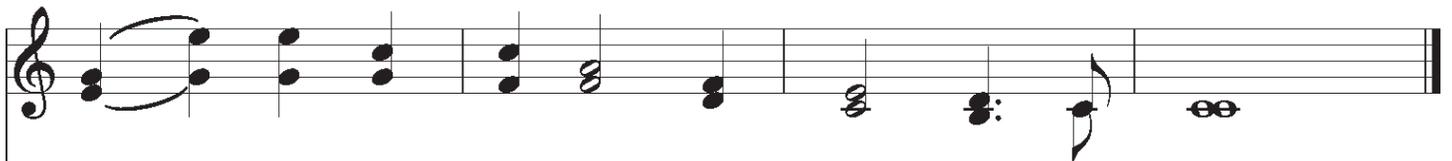
1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



1. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
2. Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
3. Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



1. Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
2. Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
3. Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



1. Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
2. "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
3. Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

All stand and turn to face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Deacon **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Mumita

Nicene Creed *Said by all, 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:

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.**

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader & People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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

Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Morning Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*

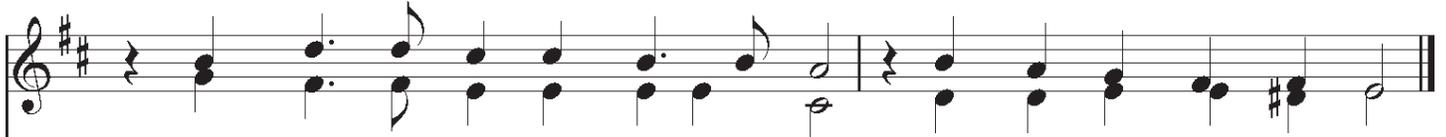
Offertory Hymn *Sung by all.*

Lord Jesus, think on me

The Hymnal 1982 #641



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,



from harm - ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Doxology *Sung by all, standing.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Glory to you for ever 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.

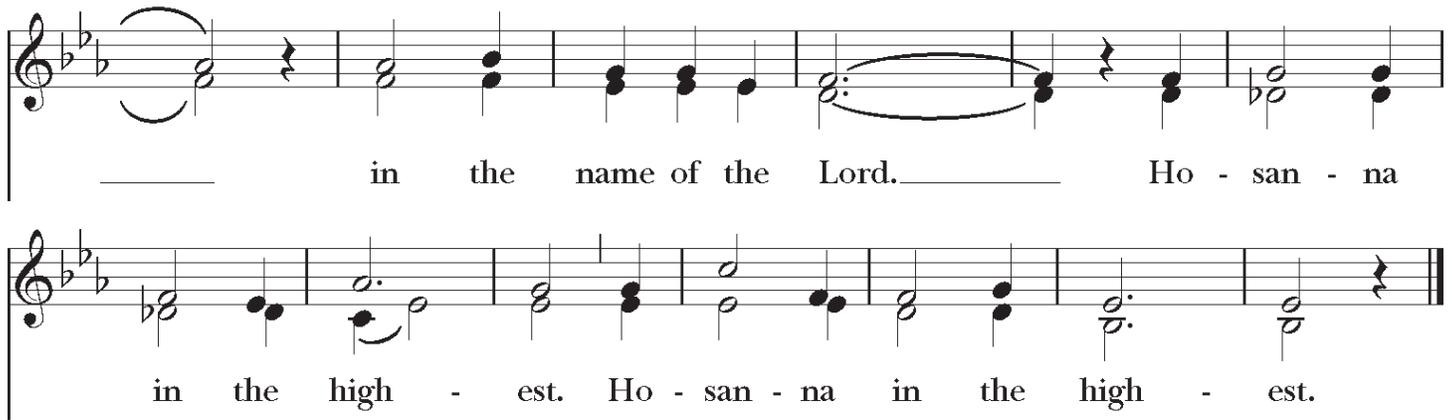
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S-130

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



The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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 Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has 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.

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn

We praise You

Refrain: We praise You, O Lord for all Your works are wonderful.

We praise You, O Lord, forever is Your Love.

Your wisdom made the heavens and the earth, O Lord;

You formed the land and set the lights;

and like Your love the sun will rule the day,

and stars will grace the night. Refrain

You have chosen Jacob for Yourself, O Lord;

You tenderly spoke his name;

then called a holy nation Israel,

to make them Yours, You came. Refrain

You led us out of Egypt with a guiding hand.

You raised Your arm to set us free.

And like a tender vine

You planted us to grow unto the sea. Refrain

The nations fashioned silver idols, golden gods;

but none have hearing, speech or sight.

Their makers shall be like their empty gods,

the Lord alone brings life. Refrain

**O house of Israel, now come to bless the Lord,
 O house of Aaron, bless His Name.
 O bless the Lord, all you who honor Him,
 and praise His Holy Name. *Refrain***

Postcommunion Prayer *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 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.**

Blessing *The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *Sung by all.*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The Hymnal 1982 #344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please come to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

Participants

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher* • The Rev. Virgilio Fortuna, *Deacon*
 Ed Seaholm, *Music Director* • Louis Raposa, *Guitarist*

Prayers

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, each week we pray for five households so we reach out in prayer to all our members on a regular basis. This week we pray for the DeFrancesco; Dennen; Dwuye; Dwuye Findley; and Edwards families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

Prayers for the Homebound and Ill: Martha Pickett, Annemarie Matulis, Edna Michaels, Chuck Vanderhoof, Paul Yagman, Esther Wilbur, Mark M., Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Virginia Ames, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White.

Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas: Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Parishes of the Charles River Deanery: All Saints Parish, Brookline; Church of Our Saviour, Brookline; St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Episcopal Chaplaincy at Boston University, Brookline; The Church Home Society.

Memorial flowers are given in memory of Frederick, Lillian & Frederick Butterworth; Leonard & Jessie MacCallum by Mrs. Herbert Borden; Chester Morse; Jared Swetnam; and George Davis.

Announcements

Fundraisers

Committee Meeting Today: The Fundraising Committee will meet after church today. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in Coram Lounge. All are welcome, and all are needed!

Savers Collection: From now through April 27, we're collecting clothing and books to bring to Savers. Savers pays us based on the amount we collect.

Homeplate: On March 29, if you present a ticket when you pay, St. Thomas will receive 20% of your bill at Home Plate ~ Bay Street Grille (1094 Bay Street, Taunton). Find details and the ticket in the March Grapevine.

Star Drive-In: On April 8 from 11:00 am–9:00 pm, Star Drive-In will donate 10% of your order to St. Thomas if you present a color flyer available in the back of the church. The address is 205 Myrick St., East Taunton.

Easter

Easter Memorials: Remember a loved one with an Easter Memorial. Forms are due April 3 to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Holy Week and Easter Services: Palm Sunday (April 10) at 8:00 and 10:00 am; Maundy Thursday (April 14) at 7:00 pm; Good Friday (April 15) at 7:00 pm; Easter Sunday (April 17) at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

Parish Retreat

Please join the Parish Retreat on May 20-22 at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury. We have 34 rooms available, and the cost is \$235 per person for a double room or \$330 for a single room. Stay tuned for more details.

Worship

Choir: All who love to sing are invited to join the choir by the piano in the Chapel at 9:00 Sunday mornings.

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