

The Holy Eucharist

March 27, 2022

10:00 am

The Fourth 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.

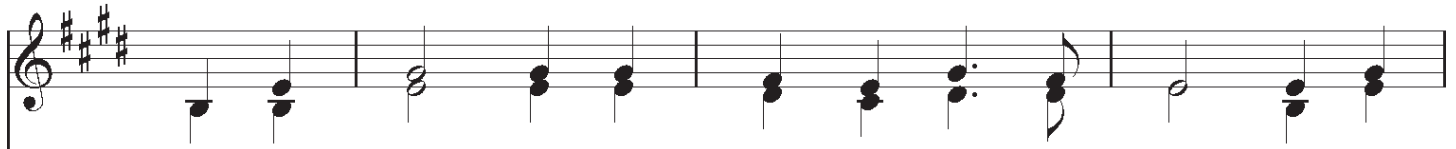
We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?


The Hymnal 1982 #172



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! _____
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____



_____ Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
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trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *Said responsively.*

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Blessed be the name!

LEVAS #78



1. Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name of the Lord! Bless - ed be the name!

2. Jesus is the name of the Lord!

3. Worthy to be grand is the Lord!

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before

you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

Deacon 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.*

Deacon 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 Anthem *Sung by the choir.*

We come to ask forgiveness

Carey Landry

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
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

God and Man at Table Are Sat Down

**O, welcome, all ye noble saints of old
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

**Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring round.
What angels longed to see now man has found:
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

**Who is this who spreads the vic'try feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

**Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near.
Wayward sons come home without a fear.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

**Worship in the presence of the Lord
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our Host at table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

**When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and his Bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.**

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.*

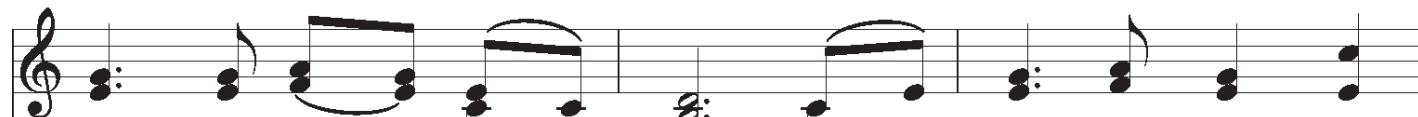
Recessional Hymn *Sung by all.*

There is a fountain

LEVAS #39



1. There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see That
3. Thou dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall
4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy
5. Then in a nobler, sweet-er song, I'll



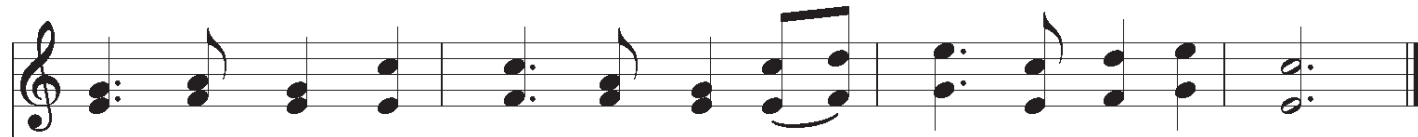
1. from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged be-
2. fountain in his day; And there may I, though
3. never lose its pow'r; Till all the ransomed
4. flowing wounds supply; Redeeming love has
5. sing Thy pow'r to save; When this poor, lisp-ing



1. neath that flood, Lose all their guilt-y stains: Lose
2. vile as he, Wash all my sins a-way: Wash
3. Church of God Are saved, to sin no more: Are
4. been my theme, And shall be till I die: And
5. stamm-'ring tongue Lies si-lent in the grave: Lies



1. all their guilt-y stains, Lose all their guilt-y stains; And
2. all my sins a-way, Wash all my sins a-way; And
3. saved, to sin no more, Are saved to sin no more; Till
4. shall be till I die, And shall be till I die, Re-
5. si-lent in the grave, Lies si-lent in the grave; When



1. sinners, plunged be-neath that flood, Lose all their guilt-y stains.
2. there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a-way
3. all the ransomed Church of God Are saved, to sin no more.
4. deem-ing love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.
5. this poor lisp-ing, stamm-'ring tongue Lies si-lent in the grave.

Dismissal

Deacon 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 Farrow; Feltmate; Francis (Andrew and Donna); Francis (Gordon); and Kigo 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 Drowniak, 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: Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton); Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill; St. Dunstan's Church, Dover; Christ Church, Needham; Ministries with the Deaf; Church Periodical Club.

Memorial flowers are given in memory of James, Beatrice Ann & Sheldon Taylor; and Joseph Warner.

Announcements

Barbara C. Harris Camp and Center

Summer Camps are back this year! Weekend Family Camps and week-long Youth Camps will be offered at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire. See Friday's Happenings email for details. Let Fr. Joseph or Kristina in the office know if you're interested.

Worship

Acolyte Training: Next Sunday, April 3, Fr. Joseph, along with Julia Boudreau, will be holding a training/ information session for new and current acolytes. All parish children age 8 and older (and their caregivers) are invited to this meeting.

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

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.

Fundraisers

Homeplate: This Tuesday, 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.

Savers Collection: From now through April 27, we're collecting clothing, household goods, and books to bring to Savers. Savers pays us based on the amount we collect; our goal is 195 large bags so we receive \$700.

Communications

It takes only a minute to scan the headlines of Friday's Happenings email. This is the main way we're able to share information, so if you don't receive it, please see, call (508-824-9595), or email (stthomasepiscopalchurch@comcast.net) Kristina.

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