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The Second Sunday of Lent February: Black History Month

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 27 February 2021, 6pm 28 February 2021, 8am, 10.30am



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During this season of coronavirus infections, please demonstrate your love for your friends and neighbors by:

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- 6. After the service everyone must disperse with no lingering
- 7. No sharing of common objects such as pens, paper, etc.

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

We are pleased you have come to worship with us today! St. Thomas' welcomes all regardless of age, abilities, physical or mental health, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, income, education, political affiliation or faith commitment. The things which bind us are greater than the things that separate us, and the love of God is greater than all our divisions.

Children are welcome at all services. Childcare is not available during this season of Corona virus precautions.

We extend a special welcome to **Rowan students!** We are here to support you in your journey during this season of life.

We understand the **Holy Eucharist**, also known as Communion, as participation in the Body of Christ. As such, it flows from the vows we have made in baptism. It is a weekly reminder and recommitment to continue in regular worship, to repent from evil, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in everyone, and to respect the dignity of every human being. All who seek Christ — of every age and tradition — are invited to share in Holy Communion. Instructions are provided in this bulletin at the appropriate place in the service.

The **offering plate** will not be passed during this season; it has been set out on a table for your convenience. Or you may give by clicking the "Donate" button at www.stthomasglassboro.org. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. Thomas'!

Bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.



The Holy Eucharist

Rite II (BCP 355)

We Gather in God's Name A Penitential Order (BCP 351)

The people stand as able.

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel or stand as able.

Presider: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord

your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*Presider:* You shall not commit murder.*People:* Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment

greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or stand as able. Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

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.

Priest: 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.

The people stand as able. Singing is for outdoor services only; the Kyrie will be said at other services. When singing, echo each line.

Kyrie Echo song (C/G) arr. John Bell

Kyrie, eleison. *trans:* Lord, have mercy. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

The people stand as able.

Salutation

Presider: The Lord be with you.**People:** And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be

gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:22-30 Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

Reader: A reading from Paul's epistle to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred

years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:31-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The Homily *Silence follows the homily.*

The Rev. Dr. John Hanson

We Respond in Faith

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Today the response to the prompt, "let us pray" is, "Lord, have mercy." The final verse and response, as we "offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ," is "To you, O Lord."

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people stand as able.

Passing the Peace is primarily a liturgical practice, not a social one. While the threat of Covid-19 is prominent, the peace will be brief. Please do not move around or make contact (shaking hands, hugs) with others. Instead you are invited to look to the person on either side of you and wish them peace with a bow or a wave.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

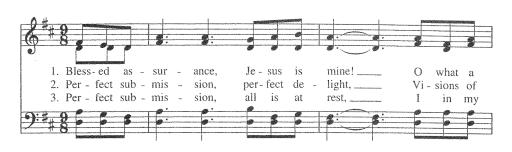
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The people are seated.

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We Offer Ourselves To God

The altar is prepared in silence. Then the people stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

The Presider continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface may be used here.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Presider: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and

with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for

ever.

People: AMEN.

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

to say,

The Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

We Receive the Gift of God

Receiving Communion during Covid:

Please remain where you are, standing or seated in prayer. After the presider has received the Sacrament in both kinds, donned a mask, and carefully sanitized hands, the presider will bring the sacrament to each person in turn.

If you wish to receive communion physically:

- 1. Hold out your cupped hands to receive the bread. The presider will drop the host into your hands without making contact.
- 2. Wait until the presider has moved away to remove your mask, consume the host, and replace your mask.
- 3. Communion will be offered in one kind only (just the bread). This is still full communion.

If you do not wish to receive communion physically:

- 1. Cross your arms over your chest. The presider will offer you a blessing instead, again without touching.
- 2. You are invited to utter the Prayer for Spiritual Communion while communion is being distributed.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

The people stand as able.

The Post-communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

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.

The Prayer over the People

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Priest: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing

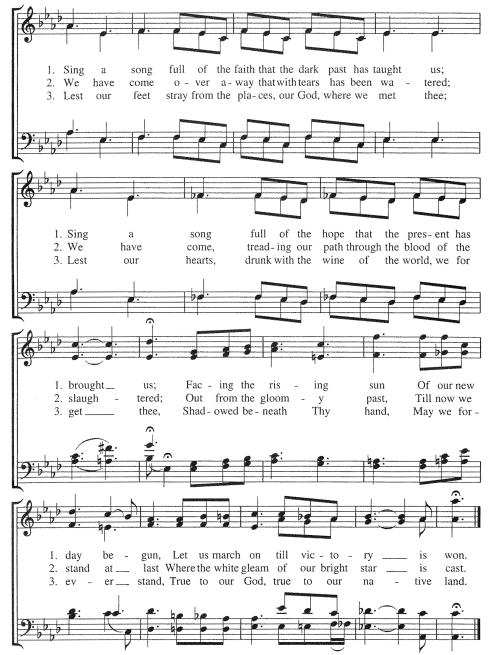
mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection;

through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

See processional hymn on next page \rightarrow





The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

In order to minimize the possibility of infecting others, please exit the campus immediately.



Kizzmekia Corbett: Covid-19 Vacinne Developer

At age 35, Kizzmekia (Kizzy) Corbett, is a "rising star" whose work as the scientific lead on the Vaccine Research Center's coronavirus team at the U.S. National Institutes of Health has been key to the development of the Moderna vaccine.

According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH and chief medical advisor to President Biden, Corbett's work has a

"substantial impact on ending the worst respiratory-disease pandemic in more than 100 years."

For the past six years, she's focused on coronavirus biology and vaccine development, which has become even more critical during the current pandemic. She and her team have made discoveries that have led to a COVID-19 vaccine and antibody treatment.

Growing up in Hillsborough, N.C., Corbett had never seen a Black scientist before and she said she didn't know it was possible. Now, she's doing critical research on the national stage, shining as that example to young girls with an interest in science and big dreams.

Corbett earned bachelor's degrees in biological sciences and sociology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and both master's degree and a doctorate in microbiology and immunology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Asked about her involvement with the development of the COVID-19 vaccine, Corbett said, "To be living in this moment where I have the opportunity to work on something that has imminent global importance... it's just a surreal moment for me".

Corbett has worked to rebuild trust with vaccine hesitant populations such as the Black community. After a study released by the NAACP and others revealed that only 14% of black Americans believe a COVID-19 vaccine will be safe, NIAID Director Fauci was explicit: "The first thing you might want to say to my African American brothers and sisters is that the vaccine that you're going to be taking was developed by an African American woman."

Announcements

Next month, on Laetare Sunday, 14 March, at 10.30am, **Bishop Stokes will make a visitation** to St. Thomas' for our outdoor service. This will be our only in-person service that weekend so we may all welcome the Bishop. An online-only service of Evening Prayer will be offered on Saturday, 13 March, at 6pm.

Please thank **Rachael Owen** who led our campus outreach efforts centering around Black History Month.

Diocesan Convention is next Saturday, beginning at 9am.It is online-only again this year. A livestream will be available from the Diocesan web-site.

Lenten Worship and Formation Opportunities:

- Mondays, 4pm: Centering Prayer (Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 5.30pm: Holy Eucharist (Lychgate)
- Wednesdays, 7pm: Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Zoom)
- Fridays, 7pm: Stations of the Cross (Zoom)
- By Appointment: **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** (Zoom/Telephone)

We continue to offer **two outdoor Eucharists per week**: Sunday at 10.30am and Wednesday at 5.30pm. These meet in rain or shine: please consider your clothing, your health, and the weather before joining us outdoors for 30 or 60 minutes. If the weather makes an outdoor service impossible at 10.30am, we may choose to move it into the Parish Hall and broadcast it on Zoom. We also offer **two indoor Eucharists per week** with very limited seating. Please reserve your seat on the church website.

The state of New Jersey has open a "pre-registration portal" for residents to sign up to receive **vaccination against Covid-19**. Sign up at https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/

This Week at St. Thomas'			
Monday	3/1	4.00pm 7.00pm	Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	3/2	Noon 6.30pm 7.00pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom) Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew
Wednesday	3/3	5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate) Lenten Pilgrimage (Zoom)
Friday	3/5	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Zoom)
Saturday	3/6		Diocesan Convention Holy Eucharist (Nave)
Sunday	3/7	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Parish Hall, Zoom) Sunday School (Zoom) Holy Eucharist (live, outdoors) Youth Group (Online)

Lectionary readings for next week: *Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22, Psalm 19*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Sandy, Andrea, Bob, Jimmie, John, Lou, Marie, Marla, Helen, Dean, Patty, Chuck, Valerie, Linda, Russel, Sid, April, Jim, Gail, Jimmie, Jerry*

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