

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

6 March 2021, 6pm

7 March 2021, 8am, 10.30am



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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: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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	<i>Echo song (C/G)</i>	<i>arr. John Bell</i>
	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>trans:</i> 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: 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.**

We Hear God's Word

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader: A reading from Paul's first epistle to the church in Corinth.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel John 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

The Homily

Silence follows the homily.

The Rev. Todd Foster

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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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries BCP 830

Everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of March, or anyone wishing to stand in for someone close to them celebrating such an event, is invited to come to the front at this time. Facing the congregation, tell us your name and the event you are celebrating.

A prayer for a birthday:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements



1 The stars de-clare his glo - ry; the vault of hea-ven springs
 2 The dawn re-turms in splen - dor, the hea - vens burn and blaze,
 3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
 4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the Mas-ter's hand in all cre - at - ed things, and
 the ris - ing sun re - news the race that mea-sures all our days, and
 more swe tha hon-ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize, a
 the med - i - ta-tions of my heart be in - no - cen and praise, my



through the si - lenc - es of space their sound-less mu-sic sings. —
 writes in fire a - cross the skies God's ma - jes - ty and praise. —
 law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes. —
 rock, and my re - deem-ing Lord, in all my words and ways. —

Words: Timothy Dudgey-Smith (b. 1926); para. of Psalm 19
 Music: *Aldine*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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, 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: Let us bow down before the Lord.

Priest: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that
by your great goodness they may be governed and
preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

See processional hymn on next page →

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Jesus Christ our Lord



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries at St. Thomas' March 2021

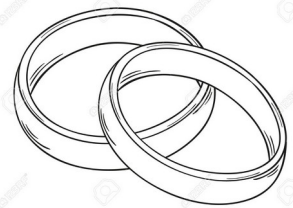
March Birthdays

- 2 Susan Curry
- 3 Andrea Rizzuto
- 15 William Mueller
- 15 Annette Brown
- 18 Marie Johnson
- 20 Brandon DiMatties
- 26 Lois Miltimore
- 27 Tom Villec
- 30 Kate Appleby-Wineberg
- 30 Matthew Owen
- 31 Dorothy Bohl



March Anniversaries

- 11 Trevor and Natalie Bernard
- 17 Chuck and Valerie Sweeny
- 29 Deacon John and Vivian Hanson



If your birthday/anniversary is not listed, please contact the office so we can add it!
office@stthomasglassboro.org

Announcements

Next week **Daylight Savings Time ends**. Be sure to **spring forward** your clocks before bed Saturday night, lest you miss the visit with Bishop Stokes on Sunday!

Next 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. The 8am Sunday service will not meet.

Game Night for Youth is meeting tonight. Contact Dan O. for details.

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	3/8	4.00pm 7.00pm	Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	3/9	Noon 6.30pm 7.00pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom) Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew
Wednesday	3/10	5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate) Lenten Pilgrimage (Zoom)
Friday	3/12	Morning 7.00pm	Kitchen of Hope Setup Stations of the Cross (Zoom)
Saturday	3/13	10.00am 6.00pm	Kitchen of Hope Food Distribution Evening Prayer (Online only - Zoom)
Sunday	3/14	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	No service: preparing for Bishop's Visit Sunday School (Zoom) Holy Eucharist with Confirmations (live, outdoors) Youth Group (Online)

Lectionary readings for next week: *Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Sandy, Andrea, Bob, Jimmie, John, Dean, Patty, Chuck, Linda, Russel, April, Jim, Gail, Jimmie, Jerry, Bill, Joan*

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