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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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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: 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	<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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

The people are seated.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.**

- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.**
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O LORD, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.**

The Second Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader: A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

The Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

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

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

After Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, the Pharisees said to one another, ‘You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!’

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Todd Foster

Silence follows the homily.

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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.

The Announcements

Nearer, My God, to Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross That — rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My — rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In — mer - cy giv'n;
 4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,

1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

Words: Sarah F. Adams (1805-1848)

Music: Bethany, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people;
that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to
know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect
will; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

See processional hymn on next page →

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! _____ O what a
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, _____ Vi-sions of
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, _____ I in my

1. fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! _____ Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of
 2. rap-ture now burst on my sight; _____ An-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-
 3. sav-ior am hap-py and blest; _____ Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-

1. God, _____ Born of His spir-it, washed in His blood. _____
 2. bove _____ Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. _____
 3. bove, _____ Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love. _____

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

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.

Announcements

Our **Holy Week Schedule** will be:

Palm Sunday		Normal weekend schedule
Holy Monday	7pm	Evening Prayer (online-only)
Holy Tuesday	7pm	Evening Prayer (online-only)
Holy Wednesday	5.30pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate)
Holy Wednesday	7pm	Lenten Pilgrimage (online-only)
Maundy Thursday	7pm	(Parish Hall & Online)
Good Friday	7pm	(Parish Hall & Online)
Holy Saturday	10am	Prayer Office (Lychgate)
Great Vigil of Easter	6pm	(Rectory Lawn)
Easter Sunday		Normal Sunday schedule

RSVP on our website to attend indoor services in person.

Bea Murray is moving! She will be living in a cottage near her son's home. You are invited to send Bea card to let her know you are praying for her in her new home: 1886 Rt 212; Quakertown PA 18951

All **College Students** are invited to join TEC@RU for Noonday Prayer (Tuesdays at 2.30pm) and Compline (Wednesdays at 8pm) online. Connection information is available at www.tecatru.org

Watch for your Easter packet in the mail: bring your bulletins with you to church!

According to the instructions from our Diocese, we will not be processing for Palm Sunday, but will bear our palms in place.

We are still looking for story-tellers and musicians for the Easter Vigil! Please contact Sarah Ternay to be a part of this unique night of the year!

This Week at St. Thomas'

Monday	3/22	4.00pm 7.00pm	Centering Prayer (Zoom) Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	3/23	Noon 6.30pm 7.00pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom) Small Group Bible Study (Zoom) Work Crew
Wednesday	3/24	5.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Eucharist (Lychgate) Lenten Pilgrimage (Zoom)
Friday	3/26	Morning 7.00pm	Kitchen of Hope Setup Stations of the Cross (Zoom)
Saturday	3/27	10.00am 6.00pm	Kitchen of Hope Food Distribution Palms/Passion (Nave)
Sunday	3/28	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Palms/Passion (PH, Zoom) Sunday School (Zoom) Palms/Passion (live, outdoors) Youth Group (Online)

Lectionary readings for next week: *Mark 11:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47, Psalm 31:9-16*

Please continue in your daily prayers for: *Dennis, Marge, Joann, Sandy, Andrea, Bob, Jimmie, John, Chuck, Linda, Russel, April, Jim, Gail, Jimmie, Jerry, Bill, Jennifer, Ben, Joan, Kendon, Gary, Carl*

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