



This service is live-streamed, with only those present to assist in the liturgy.

## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*A musical prelude is played, followed by a welcome and announcements from a member of the clergy.*

Lisa Lonie, carillon; Kevin Vondrak, mandolin

*standing*, Hymn 573, Father eternal, Ruler of creation *Please sing along at home.*

1. Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion, Spi - rit of life, which  
 2. En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con found - ed, na - tion by na - tion  
 3. How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing, if we love not the

moved ere form was made, through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,  
 still goes un - for - given, in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur round - ed,  
 world which thou hast made? Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing

light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:  
 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:  
 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:

Thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Kyrie, *sung by the choir.*

Michael Smith (b. 1978)

*Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Portion of Psalm 25, *sung by the choir*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter

(1 Peter 3:18-22)

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*seated*, The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Steeves

*standing*, 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 *(Names that are submitted stay on the prayer list for two weeks. A larger parish prayer list may be found at the end of the bulletin).*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Daniel ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for Karen Lewis and McKenzie Given.

I ask your thanksgiving for the birth of Margot Evangeline Burdette, daughter of Evie and Fr. Matt Burdette. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

**All 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.**

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.**

*standing*, The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace with a smile or a gesture.*

*seated*, The Offertory *As the altar is prepared, the choir sings*

"Call to remembrance"

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old, O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.*

--Psalm 25:5-6

*Please stand at the conclusion of the choir anthem.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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:

*(sung by the choir)*

(Smith)

*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.*

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.**

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*If you are participating via livestream, you are invited to pray this Act of Spiritual Communion.*

*(God of love and grace, we give you thanks for your presence within us and within the body of Christ; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to physically receive them, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit to embody your holy and life-giving presence in the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.)*

*To receive the Body of Christ, at the usher's guidance approach the celebrant, keeping a six foot physical distance from others. The celebrant will place the host in your hand; consume it as you return to your seat via the side aisle.*

Let us pray. *All:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bow down before the Lord. *The people kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 149, Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

*Please sing along at home*



1. E ter-nal Lord of love, be-hold your Church walk - ing oncemore the pil-grim way of  
2. So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self, so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of  
3. If dead in you, so in you we a - rise, you the first born of all the faith-ful



Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and  
love, we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod, know - ing our selves bap -  
dead; and as throughston - y ground the green shoots break, glo - rious in spring-time



toward your pre-sence bent: far off yet here: the source of all de - sire.  
tized in - to your death: so we are dead and live with you in Christ.  
dress of leaf and flower, so in the Fath - er's glo - ry shall we wake.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Parish Prayer List

McKenzie Given, Karen Lewis, Regina Brown, Matt Rhodes, Susan West, Tammy Shugart, Julie Steckel, Missy Cathol, the Derneln and Hansen families, Bishop Leo and Diana Frade of Honduras, Amy Hirsch, Dick Hood, the Riband family, the Eagleson family

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you would like an announcement to appear here, please fill out the form found at [www.stthomaswhitemarsh.org](http://www.stthomaswhitemarsh.org).*

- Outreach Fundraiser: "Dinner in a Tea Towel" Saturday March 20.  
For \$18, you get: 5" Frozen Chicken Pot Pie, 3 Bean Salad, Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce, and a Cookie  
OR Just the Pie – No Fixings (5" pie serves 1 \$8.00) (9" pie serves 5-7 \$24.00)  
Parish House Curbside Pick Up, March 20, 3:00 – 5:30 P.M.  
Order by March 12 – Send an email to [St.thomasbarninfo@gmail.com](mailto:St.thomasbarninfo@gmail.com)  
Pay by Venmo: Anne-Anspach or at the door
- We hope to re-open for in-person worship on March 7. Stay tuned for details on registering to attend.
- The Rector's Book Club is a faith formation opportunity for adults or teens in the St. Thomas' community to discuss a book with one another and Fr. Matthew Burdette. This month's book is James K. A. Smith's *You Are What You Love*. The Rector's Book Club meets on the last Saturday of every month. There is no need to sign up.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84551709340?pwd=SFhEcodPMiZiQjV4cnhiUnVrWnVYUT09> Meeting ID: 845 5170 9340,  
Passcode: 058336
- Pray the Stations of the Cross for Caregivers with the Diocese: During Lent, Soul Care for Caregivers invites all caregivers and first responders to come together online, each Friday for Stations of the Cross.  
Fridays in Lent at 3 p.m.: 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2.  
*Stations of the Cross, 3:00-3:15 PM*  
*Guided meditation, 3:15-3:30 PM*  
*Group reflections, 3:30-3:45 PM*  
Questions about Soul Care or Stations of the Cross for Caregivers? Email [soulcare@diopa.org](mailto:soulcare@diopa.org).  
<https://www.diopa.org/events/stations-of-the-cross-for-caregivers>

**General Questions? [info@stthomaswhitemarsh.org](mailto:info@stthomaswhitemarsh.org)**

### ONGOING

- Get a Prayer Book for your home! There are some just inside the church doors in the back pews.
- All in-person meetings, Bible studies, appointments, etc. are suspended and should be conducted virtually.
- Items in special need at the Roslyn Food Cupboard for the next few weeks include:  
liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, spray cleaning products, shampoo, alcohol wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, size 3-6, and baby wipes, especially for sensitive skin  
Protein drinks like Ensure and Boost, peanut butter and jelly, dinner kits like Hamburger Helper and taco kits, and canned chili are also needed.  
Please! Check expiration dates and no open items.  
Contact Mimi Kepner ([mimikepner@gmail.com](mailto:mimikepner@gmail.com), 215-872-6432) or Pam Serra ([pam@msk-traderisk.com](mailto:pam@msk-traderisk.com), 215-858-9626). **Donations can be left inside the narthex (lobby) of the church, Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM**
- The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, made up of 111 dioceses and regional areas in 17 nations, is the keynote speaker at St. James School's **10 Years of Faithful Partnership** event, celebrating our church and others that have helped build and grow this thriving school serving children in the under-resourced Philadelphia neighborhood of Allegheny West.  
Save the date for **March 16th at 6:30 pm**. It will be a joy-filled virtual event! And, please RSVP: visit <http://stjamesphila.org/BishopCurry>. We hope to have a large turnout from St. Thomas', as we will be featured! For more details about the event and how you can participate, please contact Bill Lutz at [billjanlutz@comcast.net](mailto:billjanlutz@comcast.net).
- In the coming weeks, we will begin another round of Sacred Ground, a film based dialogue series on race and faith created by the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in learning more and/or joining an orientation session to learn what to expect, what is involved, and how it may be useful, please send an email to Jason Martin at [stwracialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:stwracialjustice@gmail.com).