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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

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CONCERN OVER COVID-19

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Holy Communion will be distributed at Standing Stations and will be in one kind (under the form of bread). The Church teaches that we receive the benefits of full communion under one kind. It is also perfectly acceptable to remain in your seat and make a ‘spiritual communion.’

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

CHORAL EUCHARIST — 11 a.m.

Setting	Messe a tre voci	<i>Antonio Lotti</i> (1667-1740)
Prelude	Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750)

HYMN

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
 and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
 and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
 And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments
 hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON *Sung by the Choir.*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
 Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
 Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

THE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

Sung by the Choir. The People remain seated.

Plainsong (*Tone III⁴*)

OCOME, let us sing unto the Lord;* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;* and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God;* and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;* and the strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it;* and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down,* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God;* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts* as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me,* proved me, and saw my works.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,* It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,* that they should not enter into my rest.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

HYMN

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

All remain standing.

John 4:5-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew St. John, *Bishop in Residence*

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel.

After each petition the people say:
 Lord, have mercy.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant and People say

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Spem in alium

Jacob de Mantua
(1483-1559)

Spem in alium nunquam habui; Praeter in te,
Deus Israel, Qui irasceris, et propitius eris,

I have never placed my hope in any other than you, God of Israel, who can show both anger and graciousness.

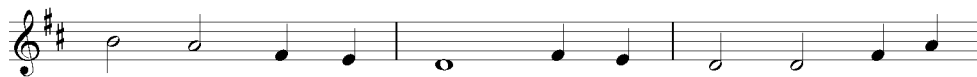
Et omnia peccata hominum in tribulatione
dimittis. Domine Deus, creator caeli et terrae,
Respice humilitatem nostram.

And absolve all the sins of suffering man. Lord God, creator of Heaven and Earth, be mindful of our humiliation.

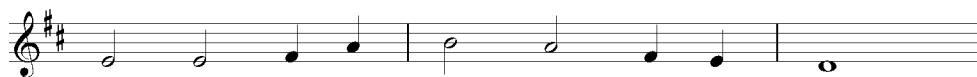
HYMN



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface, then the Choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God of Hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
 In nomine Domini
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
 O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion; please follow the directions of the ushers.

*Holy Communion will be administered at the Chancel step, standing. Gluten-free hosts are available; please ask the priest.
If you are unable to come forward for Holy Communion, please inform an usher, and a priest will bring Communion to you.*

MOTET

Sung by the Choir

O Domine Jesu Christe

Antoine Brumel
(1460-1512)

O Domine Jesu Christe, Pastor bone,
iustos conserva, peccatores iustifica,
omnibus fidelibus [defunctis] miserere, et
propitius esto mihi misero et indigno
peccatori. Amen.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, good Shepherd, who preserves
the just and justifies sinners, have mercy upon all the
faithful [departed] and be merciful to me, a wretched
[and unworthy] sinner. Amen.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord. (*Silence is kept.*)

Celebrant Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

VOLUNTARY

Die Kunst der Fuge: Contrapunctus I, BWV 1080i

Johann Sebastian Bach

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