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in the
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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*

THE LITURGY OF ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8 a.m.

The People stand as the Ministers enter.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us
new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our
wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

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

The Psalm is said responsively. The people say the bold verses.

PSALM 51:1-12

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

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 People stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Minister

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the proclamation of the Gospel:

Minister

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence

THE BIDDING

The People stand. The Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

DEAR People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

The people kneel.

SILENCE

THE BLESSING OF ASHES

After the silence, the Celebrant rises and says

Let us pray that God will bless these ashes as a token of our repentance.

ALMIGHTY God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Ashes are imposed with these words:

Remember, that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Celebrant and People say

MOST holy and merciful Father:
We confess to thee and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

We have been deaf to thy call to serve, as Christ hath served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

We confess to thee, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our waste and pollution of thy creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let thine anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,
That we may show forth thy glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of thy only Son our Lord,
Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant rises and, facing the people, says

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

SINCE we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

The People sit as the altar is prepared.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People stand.

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 continues

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People remain standing or kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes: "O Father Almighty, world without end."

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

The following is said:

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 enter under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel as the Celebrant and People say

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

Celebrant Grant, most merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people depart in silence. Please see Confessions schedule below.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LENT

✠ Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8 a.m. Said Mass

12 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by The Rector

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Sermon by Fr. Schultz

**Ashes will be available at all Masses, and throughout the day.*

Confessions: 9:30-10:30 a.m. (*The Rector and Fr. Gioia*), 10:30-11:30 a.m. (*Mo. Lee-Pae and Fr. Moretz*),
3-4 p.m. (*Mo. Turner and Fr. Schultz*), and 4-5 p.m. (*The Rector and Fr. Gioia*)

Sunday Adult Education, February 26 – April 2

10 a.m. ‘Say it to God’ – A book study led by Father Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence

Sunday School for Children and Families

10 a.m. Sunday School follows the 9 am Mass, in-person and online

*Throughout Lent, we will follow a special program focusing on different forms of prayer
for both children and families.*

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series:

4 p.m. ‘The Beatitudes’

February 26: The Rev. Gina Gore, Chaplain of the Cathedral School of St. John the Divine

March 5: The Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, NYC

March 12: The Rev. Kate Malin, Rector of Christ Church, Rye

March 19: The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, Bishop of Newark

March 26: The Rev. Zachary Thompson, Vicar, St. James’ Madison Avenue

April 2: The Rector

Wednesdays

12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

Fridays

8 a.m. Rite 1 Said Mass

Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from the end of Noonday Mass until 4 p.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 2, and ends with Easter Day on April 9.

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