

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 AT 12 AND 5:30 P.M.

THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF ASH WEDNESDAY
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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SETTING

Missa Orbis factor

Plainsong

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

INTROIT

Plainsong (Tone I)

MISERERIS omnium, Domine,
et nihil odisti eorum quae fecisti,
dissimulans peccata hominum
propter poenitentiam, et parcens illis;
quia tu es Dominus Deus noster.

*Thou hast mercy on all things, O Lord,
and hatest nothing which thou hast created:
overlooking the sins of men
for the sake of repentance, and sparing them;
for they are thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls.*

Miserere mei Deus, miserere mei:
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.

*Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:
for my soul trusteth in thee.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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.*

Misereris . . .

Thou hast mercy . . .

Wisdom 11:24-25, 27; Psalm 57:1

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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 LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

<i>The Lector concludes</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>The People respond</i>	Thanks be to God.



HYMN

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Forty days and forty nights, #150 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.
Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rector

After the sermon, silence is kept.



THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

BIDDING

The People remain standing. 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 the Lord 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.

Please use all the aisles to form four lines. The following Psalm is sung during the imposition of ashes.



PSALM 51

Sung by the Choir

Gregorio Allegri
(1582-1652)

MISERERE mei, Deus: secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam. Et secundum
multitudinem miserationum tuarum,
dele iniquitatem meam.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:
et a peccato meo munda me.
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci:
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,
et vincas cum iudicaris.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et
occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor:
lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam:
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:
et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.
Ne projicias me a facie tua:
et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.
Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui:
et spiritu principali confirma me
Docebo iniquos vias tuas:
et impii ad te convertentur.
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus,
Deus salutis meae:
et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.
Domine, labia mea aperies:
et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium,
dedissem utique:
holocaustis non delectaberis.
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus:
cor contritum et humiliatum,
Deus, non despicies.
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate
tua Sion:
ut aedificentur muri Jerusalem.
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,
oblationes, et holocausta:
tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

*Have mercy upon me, O God:
after thy great goodness.
According to the multitude of thy mercies,
do away mine offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults:
and my sin is ever before me.
Against thee only have I sinned,
and done this evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou art judged.
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop,
and I shall be clean:
Thou shalt wash me,
and I shall be whiter than snow.
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my
misdeeds. Make 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.
O give me the comfort of thy help again:
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked:
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,
thou that art the God of my health:
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord:
and my mouth shall shew thy praise.
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee:
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
shalt thou not despise. O be favourable and gracious
unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice
of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings
and oblations: then shall they offer
young bullocks upon thine altar.*



LITANY OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say together

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

The People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN

UNDE ET MEMORES

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and



eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love, #337 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt.
Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to 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

Sung by the Choir

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

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



The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

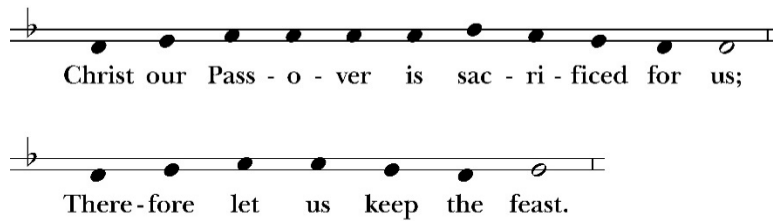
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

IBELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.
You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*



AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

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.*

MOTET

*Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)*

SALVATOR mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur,
Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the world, save us,
who by thy cross and blood
hast redeemed us,
help us, we pray thee,
O Lord our God.*

Antiphon from the Ministry to the Sick and for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

The Choir and Ministers leave in silence.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

✠ Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday ✠

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 The Rector

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

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

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13, and ends with Easter Day on April 20.

*Our 2025 Holy Week guest preacher will be The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan,
Dean of Berkley Divinity School at Yale.*

✠ SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS IN LENT ✠

Sundays

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass* (*especially suitable for Children and Families*)

10 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Families follows the 9 am Mass

10 a.m. Theology Talks on “The Spirituality of Healing” with the Rev. Dr. Gillian Straine*

11 a.m. Eucharist*

4 p.m. Evensong*

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series:

4 p.m. ‘The Temple of Jerusalem.’

*Saint Thomas clergy explore the Temple as a building and its liturgy,
and reflect on it in relation to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

March 9: Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom: “God’s Glory Abideth”

March 16: Fr. Schultz: “Place of Sacrifice”

March 23: Mo. Lee-Pae: “Sea of Water”

March 30: Mo. Turner: “Incense as Prayer”

April 6: Fr. Moretz: “Holy of Holies”

Weekdays

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday-Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass at the High Altar

5:30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist on Wednesday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 25

No Evensong on April 3

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim’s Course

(will not meet April 15)

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. Book Study Webinars with Fr. Gioia: “Healing the Wounds of the Heart: How to Really Forgive”

Fridays

12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel following the noon Mass

1 p.m. Zoom Bible Study led by Fr. Schultz

3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer led by Mo. Lee-Pae

6 p.m. Lenten Film Series led by Fr. Schultz (begins March 14)

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