



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022

The Notices

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – 9 AM

Good morning, All! Welcome to St. Thomas'!

We are pleased to celebrate in-person/hybrid Holy Eucharist this Sunday and we give thanks to **Rev. Jacqueline Schmitt** for being our Celebrant and to **Rose Novak** for being our Lector and **Wynn Egginton** for being our Chalice Bearer. Many thanks to **Dianne McDowell** and the choir for leading us in song!

Our Zoom login is: <https://zoom.us/j/268122441>
Meeting ID: 268 122 441 Password: 947451
Or call in: 1 (646) 558 - 8656

April: Upcoming Services (in person and via zoom)

- Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday, April 10 (9:00 am) – Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
 - Maundy Thursday & Good Friday (5:00 pm) – Rev. Gerard Beritela
 - Easter Sunday, April 17 (9:00 am) – Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe
- April 24 (9:00 am) Morning Prayer led by Deb Barker

Our schedule for the upcoming week is:

- **Monday:** 5:00 pm – Friendship Inn
- **Wednesday** 9:00 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom ([meeting ID 811 0195 7241](#); password is 402008)
- **Wednesday** 6:00 pm – Vigil for All Those in Need of prayers (use the Sunday Zoom link)
- **Sunday** 9:00 am – Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist with Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Here's what you need to know about the goings-on around St. T.'s:

- **The Outreach Commission:** Many many thanks to those in the parish who contributed to the special Lenten collection for the **Episcopal Relief & Development Ukraine Crisis Response Fund. Together we raised \$3,875,** including \$1,500 from the Outreach Commission! We are hoping that the Diocese will match \$2,000 of that money. ERD is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainians fleeing from the Russians. These organizations are coordinating immediate and long-term humanitarian responses through their local partners in Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. Well done St. Thomas'!

Outreach has also recently gifted the Hamilton Central School with \$1,500 to fund a collection of lower level books for struggling readers. Teachers of the First and Second grade had noticed that there has been learning loss resulting from remote learning during the pandemic and these books will help address that issue.

Please consider donating to the local Food Cupboard either directly to them or leaving your donation at the back of the church for pickup by the Outreach Commission. The Hamilton Food Cupboard is greatly in need of the following items this month: laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, and baking supplies. The latter might include box mixes, flour, sugar, Crisco oil, baking powder/soda etc.

- **Prayer Group** Do you know any of these people?

The Prayer group could use your help making the prayer list as accurate as possible. The following people have been on the prayer list since at least November and we do not know which parishioner put them on the prayer list or whether the person still needs our prayers. We are indeed hoping that some may have recovered in the past five months. If you know one of these people, would you kindly contact Emily Hutton-Hughes? 315-292-0979 or ehutton@colgate.edu. Thank you.

Emma Forbes, Mary Frances, Miles Goodrich, Beth Komaromi and family, Jeannie McCabe, Bill Pratt, Noah and Steve Scarafale, Debra Talbot.

For changes to the current prayer list, contact Emily.

- **Father Brooks:** Conditions on interactions with the Parish stipulated by the disability insurance prohibit Father Brooks from performing any type of church business while on leave. To ensure we follow this requirement, we recommend that you send cards or notes through the postal mail. Please don't send any type of email to Brooks.

- **Vestry Info:** If you're curious about what the Vestry has been up to, the vestry minutes archives are available at the (stthomashamilton.org ->about us ->[Vestry Minutes](#)) webpage using the password 947451 (same as zoom). If you have questions, concerns, comments and/or suggestions, contact any vestry member, leave a message for the Vestry at stchurch@cnyemail.com or on voicemail at 315-824-1745.

- **FEMA Relief for COVID Funerals** - FEMA offers assistance to cover the cost of funerals for individuals who died from COVID-19. If this would be helpful for you or someone you know, please take a look at the informational website: [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#) | [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

- **The Church Property** on Hill Road is available for anyone from St. Thomas' to go out and enjoy a little bit of nature. There isn't an address, currently, so the best way I can explain it is that our property is across the street from 5638 Hill Road. There is a small turn-in, dirt and grass road between two small, red reflectors. The turn-in splits in a Y almost immediately. Stay to the Right, and you are on the church property. There are roughly 20 acres up there for your entertainment, escape, spiritual renewal, or just about whatever you need.

Congregation Prayers

Your prayers are asked for: John Brown, Fr. Brooks Cato, Lara Cato, Pam Cristiano, Teddy Engle, Joan Fales, Kathy Fischer, Jerry & Roseann Fitzgerald, Emma Forbes, Kate Foss, Danny & Anne Foust, Maureen Fox, Mary Frances, Daniel Ghent, Miles Goodrich, Marlene Houck, Danielle Jones, Nori Jones, Janna Keser, Beth Komaromi & Family, Susan Leclair, Michael McArn, Jeannie McCabe, Dianne McDowell, Liam Meyer, Anthony & Vincent Pacillo, Bill Pratt, Joni Resnick, Nancy Rivington, Noah & Steve Scarafile, June Schaupp, Candace Schult, Sheryl Scott, Mark Spearing, Keith Stage, Carol Strozyk, Debra Talbott, Ellie Weyer, Deb Willis, Ryan Wilson, Harriet Williams, Joan Winkler, Roberta Winsman, David, Frank, Kayla, Lee Anne, Lauren, Marshall, Nick, Rebecca, Robin, Scot & Terry.

For the departed: John Sykes, Mike Wehnau, Brian D. Wheeler.

Thanksgivings:

Birthdays: **Gina Sakal, Leigh Yardley, Jaxson Keller, Everett Eggington, Mike Keller, John Keller**

Wedding Anniversaries: **John and Barbara Bowen**

Baptism Anniversaries: **Donnel O'Flynn, Janice Frutiger, Lucas Luttman, Matthew Tarbell, Connie Harsh**

Readings and Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022

OPENING HYMN - #474 (all verses) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Collect

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.*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel - John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

COMMUNION - #313 "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

1. Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.

Refrain:

Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

2. Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me. (*Refrain*)

3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. (*Refrain*)

4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me. (*Refrain*)

CLOSING HYMN - #398 (all verses) "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

1 I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

Lenten Reflection

But it's important to remember that the word 'Lent' itself comes from the old English word for 'spring'. It's not about feeling gloomy for forty days; it's not about making yourself miserable for forty days; it's not even about giving things up for forty days. Lent is springtime. It's preparing for that great climax of springtime which is Easter – new life bursting through death. And as we prepare ourselves for Easter during these days, by prayer and by self-denial, what motivates us and what fills the horizon is not self-denial as an end in itself but trying to sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that the new life really may have room to come in and take over and transform us at Easter.

--from Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' 2009 Lenten Reflections

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



DATE	WORSHIP LEADER/ CLERGY	LECTOR	LEM	USHER	ALTAR GUILD	FLOWER GUILD
April 3	Rev. Jacqueline Schmitt 9 AM – HE II	Rose Novak	Wynn Egginton	Ed Page	Jane Welsh	Jana Laxa
April 10 Palm Sunday	Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent 9 AM – HE II	Jane Welsh	Maureen Ghent	Ed Page	Linda Jenks	Jana Laxa Diane Rich
April 14 Maundy Thursday	Rev. Gerard Beritela 5 PM – HE II	Hannah McClennen	Susan Cerasano	Ed Page	Emily, Linda, Susan, Colleen	n/a
April 15 Good Friday	Rev. Gerard Beritela 5 PM	Adger Williams	Wynn Egginton	Ed Page	Emily Hutton-Hughes	n/a
April 17 Easter	Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe 9 AM – MP II	Lynn Staley	Deb Barker	Ed Page	Wynn Egginton	Jana, Diane, Sue, Michelle, Liz, Rose, Erin
April 24	Deb Barker 9 AM – MP II	Kerry Linden	N/A	Ed Page	Wynn Egginton	Jana Laxa