

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
The First Sunday after Lent
March 6, 2022

The Notices

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – 9 AM

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

We are pleased to celebrate in-person/hybrid Morning Prayer this Sunday and we give thanks to **Jake Abell** for being our Worship Leader, and to **Linda Jenks** for being our Lector. Many thanks to **Dianne McDowell** and choir for leading us in song!

For the First Sunday of Lent, our Zoom login is: <https://zoom.us/j/268122441>
Meeting ID: 268 122 441 Password: 947451
Or call in: 1 (646) 558-8656

Next Two Months: Upcoming Services

- Sunday, March 13 – Rev. Kathryn Major (**time change -remember to set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour**)
- April 3 – Rev. Jackie Schmitt
- Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday, April 10 – Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
 - Maundy Thursday & Good Friday – Rev. Gerard Beritela
 - Easter Sunday, April 17 - Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe
- Sunday services in March and April not indicated above are planned to be Morning Prayer led by one of St. Thomas' Worship Leaders

Our schedule for the upcoming week is:

- **Monday:** 5:00 pm – Friendship Inn
- **Wednesday** 9:00am – Morning Prayer on Zoom ([meeting ID 811 0195 7241](https://zoom.us/j/81101957241) passcode 402008)
- **Wednesday** 6:00pm - Vigil for All Those in Need of prayers (use the Sunday Zoom link)
- **Sunday** 9:00am EDT – Holy Eucharist with Rev. Kathryn Major, in-person and on Zoom

* All of our services will be recorded and posted on the St. Thomas' Facebook Page

St Thomas' Crop Walk Team is among the top in the whole country!

Erin Luchenbill, Community Engagement Manager for Church World Service congratulates the St Thomas' Crop Walk Team, Emily Hutton-Hughes, and Father Brooks! We made the national Cream of the CROP Top 100 Teams for most funds raised in 2021!

<https://vid.us/6n066k>



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

- **Crop Walk** (Continued)

Congratulations on being #8 in the whole country for funds raised!!!! Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You are helping to make it happen. The funds you raised will help people in neighborhoods in your community and in places around the world to overcome the challenges of hunger and food insecurity. Thank you!

- **Father Brooks:** Here's an update from Father Brooks: "I'm still doing lots of tests every week trying to nail down what, exactly, is the core issue. Not much to report otherwise. Brain fog seems to be fading, cough is mostly gone, congestion is still hanging around, and the fatigue and shortness of breath remain the big impediments. My doctor found a Covid rehab program in Utica that she's trying to get me into. Not sure what that entails just yet, but I'm hopeful."

Insurance restrictions prohibit Father Brooks from performing any type of church business while on leave. To ensure we follow this requirement, please don't send any type of email to Brooks. Should you wish to send along thoughts and well wishes, we recommend that you send cards or notes through the postal mail.

- **Ukraine: A Time for Prayer:** Park United Methodist Church, 17 Broad Street, Hamilton, will be hosting a prayer gathering this Saturday, March 5, from 10:00 am to noon. Everyone is invited to stop in at any point during that time to pray for Ukraine and for peace. The prayer time will be informal and unstructured. Written prayers and prayer ideas will be available. We will accept donations for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's efforts to provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. If you wish to donate to a different organization, a list of suggestions will be available. Please join us in prayer for all those whose lives are touched by this ongoing and heartbreaking crisis.

- **The Outreach Commission:** 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.

- **Vestry Info:** If you're curious about what the Vestry has been up to, please take a gander at the Church Webpage about us -> Vestry Minutes | (stthomashamilton.org). Contact a Vestry Member if you have questions, concerns, comments and/or suggestions: Susan Beattie, Jana Laxa, Erin Childers-Loranty, Valerie Morkevicius, John Orr, Anne Perring, Heidi Riley, Dan Schult, Deany Wood, Debbie Barker or Hannah McClennen. Or contact the church indicating that your message is for the Vestry (stchurch@cnyemail.com or 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/covid-19-funeral-assistance)

- **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.

If anyone has updates, additions, or removals for the Prayer List, please send them to Nan at stchurch@cnyemail.com.

Congregation Prayers:

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

For the departed: Donnie, Dennis Rancourt, George Williams

Thanksgivings:

Birthdays – Hannah McClennen, Lucian Catania, Ellie Weyter, Kristen Meadows

Wedding Anniversaries –

Baptism Anniversaries – Susan Trueworthy

Readings and Hymns for the First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022

OPENING HYMN - #150 (all verses) "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!
4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Collect of The Day

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.*

CLOSING HYMN - #142 (all verses)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

2. As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy Word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

5. Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

Lenten Reflection

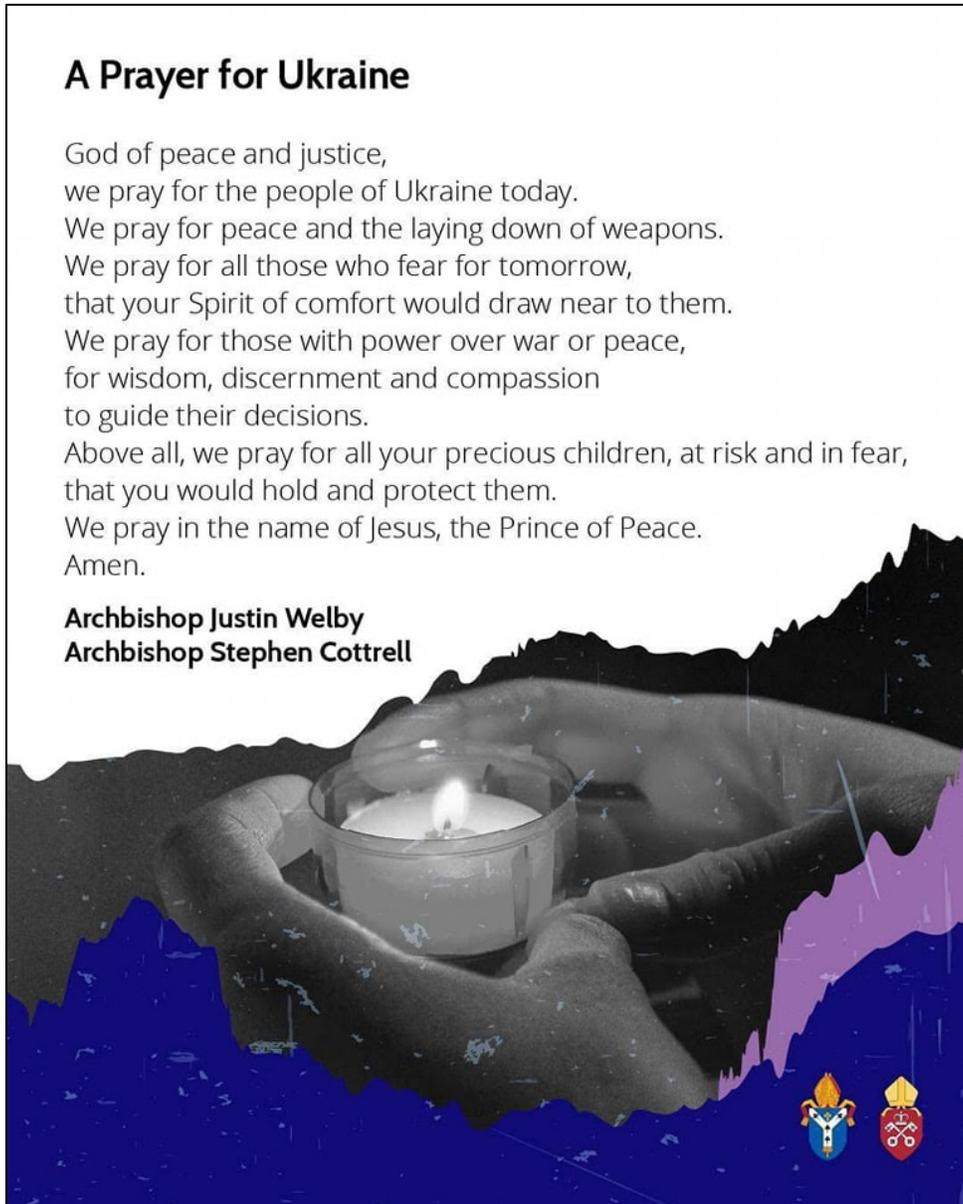
But it's important to remember that the word 'Lent' itself comes from the old English word for 'spring'. It's not about feeling gloomy for forty days; it's not about making yourself miserable for forty days; it's not even about giving things up for forty days. Lent is springtime. It's preparing for that 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
March 2 Ash Wednesday	Deb Barker 7:00 AM Rev. Nick Smith 12:00 PM (noon)	Wynn Egginton Wynn Egginton	N/A Wynn Egginton	N/A	Susan Beattie	N/A
March 6	Jake Abell 9 AM – MP II	Linda Jenks	N/A	Ed Page	Emily Hutton- Hughes	Diane Rich
March 13	Rev. Kathryn Major 9 AM - HE II	Barb Bowen	Barb Bowen	Ed Page	Susan Beattie	Jana Laxa
March 20	Wynn Egginton 9 AM – MP II	Kristin Strohmeier	N/A	Ed Page	Jane Welsh	Jana Laxa
March 27	Heidi Riley 9 AM – MP II	Lynn Staley	N/A	Ed Page	Jane Welsh	Jana Laxa