ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It is the custom in the Episcopal Church to present ourselves to our Lord in silence before the service begins. Please silence your cell phones. In your pew The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026 10:30 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
A Penitential Order

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn in Procession
Lift high the cross **Hymn 473**

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Please kneel, as able
The Confession of Sin **BCP 352**
Kyrie
Lord, Have Mercy **Hymn S-95**

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to

embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading **Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121 *sung by the Treble Choir*
I Lift Up my Eyes to the Hills **Paul Bouman**

The Second Reading **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things

that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee **Hymn 635**

The Gospel **John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into

the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Children's Moment

Children may come forward to the step in front of the altar as we sing ***Jesus loves me, this I know***

The Sermon **The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas**

Please stand

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People – Form I *See page 7 for those prayed for today* **BCP 383**

The Peace **BCP 360**

Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory

God So Loved the World **John Stainer**

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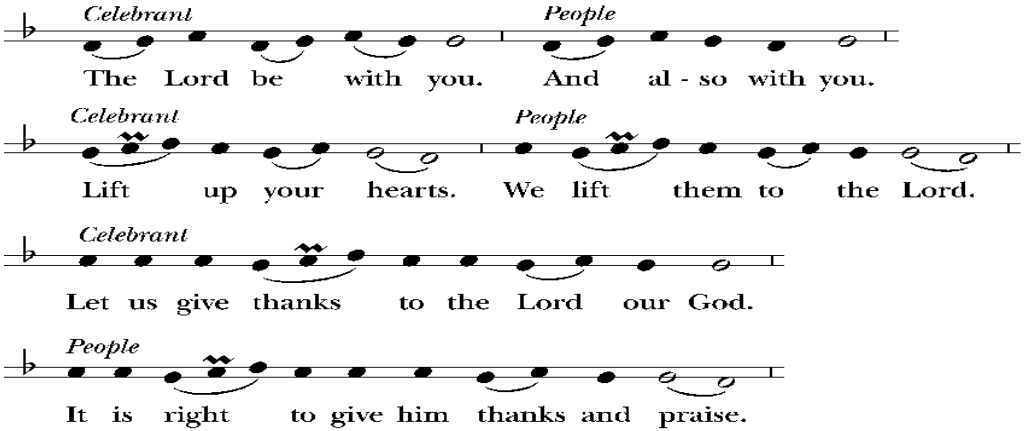
Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are an investment in our ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally, you are welcome to use the QR code here. Many who give to the ministries of St. Thomas choose to set up a recurring gift (a "pledge"). To pledge, email our office at finance@stthomashuntsville.org.

Please stand

Presentation

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

Celebrant prays, concluding with
…who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

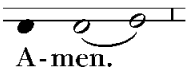
Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* **Hymn S-124**

The Celebrant continues the prayer, the People listen for these words before their next response
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People



The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

O, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* **Hymn S-158**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When an usher comes to your pew, all are invited to approach the altar for communion or a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. For gluten-free bread, clasp your hands together.

Communion Hymn

Let thy blood in mercy poured **Hymn 313**

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 366**

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

Celebrant and People **Amen**

Hymn in Procession

The God of Abraham praise **Hymn 401**

Dismissal

Deacon prays the short dismissal prayer

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Those celebrating birthdays in the week ahead: Carl Penaranda, Donna De Franco Clark, Jane Allgood, Maggie Hall, Harper Mohler, Lipmon Moy, Jean Simon, Sally Barnett, Ethan Bestor, Doug West, Norma Oberlies, and Matthew Nielsen.

Keep the following people in your prayers this week: Harvey Adams, Jane Allgood, Sally Barnett, Mary Bestor, Tut Clements, Charlie Erwin, Gregg Geis, Sharon Griffin, Maggie Hall, Barbara Hauler, Larry Hill, Diane Hutson, Pat Johnson, Mark Johnston, Jennifer Jonas, Ann Knowles, Pam Lloyd, Dannah McCauley, Julia and Jack Mayo, Russell Mays, Betty Jo Merchant, Ryan Milton, Penny Nielsen, Norma Oberlies, Dan Seaman, Jean and Jack Simon, Kee Sloan, Katherine Steel, Al Stokes, Becky Stokes, Laurie Thompson, Sally Upchurch, Susan Waddle, Annie Wells, and Jane Williams.

Pray for those who have died: Lindsey Swan and Doug Max.

This QR code is for newcomers! Welcome to St. Thomas!
Use your phone now to fill out a visitor card and be added to our mailing list!

Worship Team for March 1, 2026

Celebrant	The Rev. Donavan Cain	
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Kirk-Costas	
Deacon	The Rev. Dave Drachlis	
Director of Music	Katherine Heim	
Organist/Pianist	Samuel Wright	
	8:00 Holy Eucharist	**10:30 Holy Eucharist**
Acolytes (10:30 only)	Coralie Knickelbein, Tierney Knickelbein, Bliss Crews, Landis Price	
Eucharistic Ministers	Gayle and Bryan Dodson	Ashley and Cyndi Jones
Lectors	Barbara Meyer	Amanda and Travis Lee
Ushers	Frances and Alexander Steel	Preston McGill, Ron Deston
Greeters	Nell and David Fisher	Susy and Bob Thurber

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Ministers	Renee Redfield, Lisa Ryder
Lector	Brenda Smith
Greeters	Doris and Kristi Boyer

Teams also serving this week.

Vestry on Duty	Brett Tomlin, Kurt Dietz
Altar Guild	Nancy Ward, Carey McIntyre
Breakfast Team	Cursillo Odd
Refreshments	Ann Marie Batista and Kurt Dietz

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, Mar 1, 2026	**The Second Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rt I, Nave
Following Breakfast 9:30 AM	Adult Christian Formation, Parish Hall Children's Formation, Hiers Hall Youth Formation, Hudson Hall
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rt II, Nave
3:30 PM	Treble Choir, Choir Room
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave Followed by supper in the Parish Hall
6:00 PM	EYC, Youth Room
Monday, March 2	
8:00 PM	Compline, Facebook Online
Tuesday, Mar 3	
6:00 PM	Education for Ministry, Conference Rm
Wednesday, Mar 4	
9:30 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
5:30 PM	Holden Evening Prayer, Nave
6:00 PM	Soup & Salad Supper followed by "Sin Snippets" Program, Parish Hall
6:15 PM	Children & Youth Lenten Programs
7:15 PM	Adult Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, Mar 5	
7:00 AM	Morning Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
4:00 PM	Centering Prayer, Crossroads Room
Friday, Mar 6	
10:47 AM	Bible Study, Conference Room
12:05 PM	Rosary, Nave
Saturday, Mar 7	
9:00 AM	EYC Chattanooga Aquarium Trip
9:00 AM	Holy Hike Chapman Mountain

Consult the online EPISTLE for more details!

OUR PRAYERS FOR MARCH 1, 2026

We pray for the ill or distressed, especially: **Ann** (J. Allgood's sister); **Lou** (D. Baker's brother-in-law);**Luke, Sarah** (R. Callahan's brother and sister); **Martha, Betsy** (K. Clayton's aunt and friend); **Barb, Lena** (K. Collins' friend, granddaughter); **Jackie, Mark and children** (D. Domaracki's daughter, son-in-law, and children); **Barbara, Jim** (D. Domaracki's sister, brother-in-law); **Cathy, Kathryn** (D. Domaracki's nephew's wife, sister) **Margaret** (R. Erwin's friend); **Tanya** (J. Eskew's sister-in-law); **Myra** (K. Evans & S. Kittle's family); **Max** (The Geis' friend); **Krystin** (K. Heim's friend and former parish secretary); **Buddy** (P. Heim's friend); **Kristin** (D. House's relative); **Joe** (Lila House's father);**Susan** (E. Krasts' friend); **Hoffman Family, Angela, Bonnie and Shelly** (J. Leon's friends); **Melissa** (T. & P. Lloyd's daughter); **Pamela & David** (Mauldin's friends); **Emily** (D. McCauley's niece); **Terry,** (B. Meyer's nephew); **Leah** (J. Munroe's daughter); **Paul** (P. Nielsen's son); **John** (A. Nilsen's brother): **David, Will** (W. Patterson's nephew and friend); **Michael, Claudio** (B. Pawluk's brother, brother-in-law); **Spencer, Jennifer, Stark, Minnette** (G. Perna's son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren); **Gary** (T. Perry's brother-in-law);**Theresa Brooks' father, Ken** (friends of R. Ross); **Laura Leigh** (B. Smith's daughter); **Alan,** (S. Smith's son); **Ann, Greta & family** (F. Steel's mother and friend); **Susie** (A. Steel's sister); **Nathan** (B. Stokes' friend) **Margaret and family** (S. Upchurch's daughter); and **Eric** (P. Vaughn's son).

We pray for those who serve in and with the United States Armed Forces, especially: **Ben** Cathcart (E. Cathcart's husband); **Benjamin** (L. Cooper's son, L. Anders' grandson); **Gavin** Riley (G. Dinstuhl's grandson-in-law); **Logan** Dodson (Dodson's grandson); **Kathryn & Juan** Muñera (M. Erker's daughter, son-in-law); **Nick** Moultrie, **Parker** Byrd, **Chris** Garcia (J. Fletcher's friends); **Grover Lee** Wilson, **Teddy** Lovejoy, **Zane** Goodnite (S. Kittle's relatives); **Drexel** Martin (C. Knickelbein's cousin); **Jack** Gentry (J. McAlister's Great-Nephew); **Jackson** Mayo (Mayo's grandson); **Julia** Flores (D. McCauley's cousin); **Jace** (Reynolds' son) **Jaden** Smith ; **Kaiyah** Smith (I. Smith's son & daughter); and **Daniel** (L. Thames' son).