



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

For use in your pew racks: *the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book, The Hymnal 1982 is the blue book. Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green song book. *Indicates 10 am only.*

VOLUNTARY "Aus tiefer Not Out of the Depths I Cry to You" Max Drischner (1891-1971)

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

GREAT LITANY See Insert

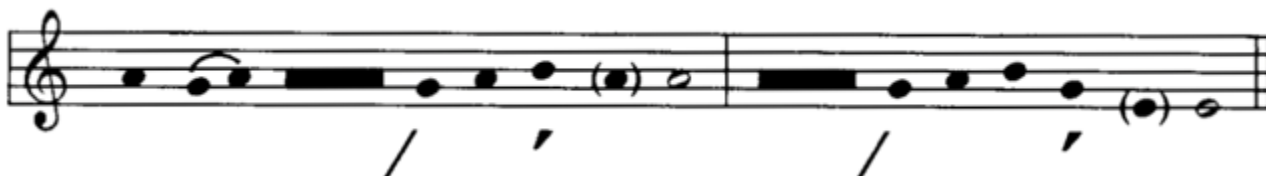
COLLECT OF THE DAY **BCP 218**

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

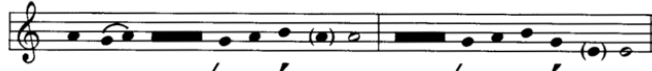
When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket 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.

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

PSALM 91: 1-2, 9-16 Qui habitat Tone IV.4



WHOSÖ dwelleth under the defence / of the Móst High, *
shall abide under the shadow / of the Almíghty.



I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, / and my stronghold; *
my God, / in him will I trust.
For thou, LORD, / art my hope; *
thou hast set thine house / of defence very high.
There shall no evil happen / unto thee, *
neither shall any plague / come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge / over thee, *
to keep / thee in all 'thy ways.
They shall / bear thee in their hands, *
that thou hurt not thy / foot against a stone.
Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: *
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou / tread under 'thy feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will / I deliver him; *
I will set him up, because / he hath known 'my Name.
He shall call upon me, and / I will hear him; *
yea, I am with him in trouble; (*) I will deliver him, and / bring him to
honour.
With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show / him my salvation.

SECOND LESSON

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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

* **HYMN 143**

"The glory of these forty days"

Erhalt uns, Herr

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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

SERMON		The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
CONFESSION		BCP 360
PEACE		BCP 360
*OFFERTORY ANTHEM	"Litany to the Holy Spirit"	<i>Peter Hurford (1930-2019)</i>
HOLY EUCHARIST, PRAYER C		BCP 369
*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS		S-117
LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 364
BREAKING OF THE BREAD		BCP 364
*FRACTION ANTHEM: LAMB OF GOD	"Agnus Dei"	S-157
COMMUNION		
* HYMN 328	"Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"	<i>Song 46</i>
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 366
SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE		
* HYMN 449	"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"	<i>Deo gracias</i>
VOLUNTARY	"Postlude on <i>Aberystwyth</i> "	<i>Ashley Grote (b. 1982)</i>
DISMISSAL		

Sounding of the Shofar (Ram's Horn)



Thank you, Luis Quixan for being our **Baal Tekiyah** (Hebrew for *Master of the Blast*), the one who sounds the shofar.

From its first hearing on Mt. Sinai until the hoped-for Day when the final blast will be sounded as Christ comes for

those that are alive in Him, the Shofar has and will represent God's call to battle against evil. In the Jewish tradition the Shofar is particularly associated with the high holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and the themes of repentance encompassed by those sacred times. Hearing the shofar's call is a reminder for us to look inward and repent for the sins of the past year.

Thanks to those who are serving today: **Acolytes:** Joni James, Daniel Nicolas, Dominic Nicolas. **Altar Guild:** Susan McMullen, Courtney Bermudez, Diane Robinson. **Camera Operator/Digital Commentary (10am):** Joy Howerton/Russ Martin. **Coffee Host:** Charlotte Higgins. **Flower Guild:** Pam Holley, Laura Vrooman. **Greeters (10am):** Cathy Zambaka, Diane Robinson, Edy Nicolas. **Healing (10am):** Kay Mahoney. **Lay Eucharistic Minister (10am):** Dudley Savage. **Lector (8am):** Jack Day. **Lectors (10am):** Elise Whitley, Kanika Tomalin. **Master of the Blast (Baal Tekiyah):** Luis Quixtan. **Oblations:** Steve and Susan McMullen. **Ushers (10am):** Tom Shevlin, Bill Hendry.

Prayer List: Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Barbara, Carrie, Yvonne, Jo, Terry, Julia, John, Freddy, Kevin, Nancy, Rosalie, Anje, Joyce, Linda, Rick, Carol, Chris, Lee, David, Pete, Jackson, Beverly, and Pat and family.

Healing prayer: Anyone desiring healing prayer with the imposition of holy oil at the 10am service, is invited to come to the baptismal font after making your communion and receive a confidential healing prayer from a trained parishioner. Intercessory prayers for others may also be made.

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