

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**High Mass  
at 11 o'clock**



*The Gardener and the Fig Tree, unknown stained glass artist  
Dungarvan, Waterford, Ireland*

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**Deacon:** Fr. Shire  
**Reader:** Larry Beckwith  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

- 1. Masks are required. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.*
- 2. The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily, though the mask mandate and distancing restrictions remain in effect.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa II, Kyrie fons bonitatis**

**PRELUDE:** Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670, *J.S. Bach*

*Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.*

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.*

*Please kneel when the Sacred Ministers kneel.*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 25.8-15, Ant v.8; *Tone 1, 4*

- 8 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; /  
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 9 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement; /  
and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, /  
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For thy Name's sake, O Lord, / be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.
- 12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? /  
him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
- 13 His soul shall dwell at ease, / and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 14 The secret of the Lord is for them that fear him; /  
and he will show them his covenant.
- 15 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord; /  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

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.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; / therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

*Please kneel*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*The choir sings*

### KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that 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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9**

The First Lesson is written in the fifty-fifth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 63.1-9—Deus, Deus meus; *Tone VIII,3***



**THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

The Epistle is written in in the tenth chapter of St Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 828** – Now is the healing time decreed

- 1 Now is the healing time decreed  
For sins of heart, of word or deed,  
When we in humble fear record  
The wrong that we have done the Lord:
- 2 Who, alway merciful and good,  
Has borne so long our wayward mood,  
Nor cut us off unsparingly  
In our so great iniquity.
- 3 Therefore with fasting and with prayer,  
Our secret sorrow we declare;  
With all good striving seek his face,  
And lowly hearted plead for grace.
- 4 Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,  
Help us the meed of praise to gain,  
Till with the Angels linked in love  
Joyful we tread thy courts above.
- 5 Father and Son and Spirit blest,  
To thee be every prayer adrest,  
Who art in threefold Name adored,  
From age to age, the only Lord. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'*


Merbecke

Mode I

I be-lieve in one God: The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,  
and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble:  
And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God,  
Be - got - ten of the Fa - ther be - fore all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, Ve - ry God of ve - ry God;  
Be - got - ten, not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther;  
Through whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion  
came down from Heaven,  
*\*And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, And was made man.\**  
And was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late.  
He suf - fer - red and was bu - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain



ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to heaven,



And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther,



And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:



Whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord,




the Giv - er of life, Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son,




Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fied,



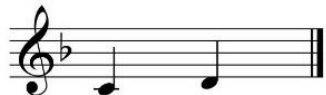
Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - lic, and A - pos - to - lic Church.



I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins.



And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.



A - men.



## OFFERTORY

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 110 – By the Holy Spirit sent

- 1 By the Holy Spirit sent,  
Jesus to the desert went,  
That he might his children show  
How sin's power to overthrow.
- 2 With a word he could have made  
Bread from stones around him laid,  
Yet till forty days were past  
Still he kept a holy fast.
- 3 When the devil at his side  
Tried to make him sin through pride,  
He would give no outward sign  
That he was God's Son divine.
- 4 Calmly he refused to win  
By a single act of sin  
Of the whole wide world the throne;  
He would worship God alone.
- 5 Since our loving Saviour thus  
Kept a sacred Lent for us,  
We, through him, can conquer sin  
And a royal victory win.

*LEW TRENCHARD*  
*From an English Traditional Melody*

*Gertrude Hollis, 1926*

*The congregation may sit at the conclusion of the offertory hymn. Please stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God who art our refuge and our strength, receive thou these gifts, and through the death and resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ, change us unto his likeness, through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please kneel.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Diocesan prayer cycle, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those preparing for baptism this Lent. We pray especially for our catechumens James and Obazee who will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. May all who seek after God grow in faith and be held in support by the Church.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ [We give thanks especially on the anniversary this week of the {baptism of / confirmation of / marriage of / ordination of} \_\_\_\_\_.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick \_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate due to the ongoing pandemic; for victims of warfare and violence, especially for the people of Ukraine; for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked \_\_\_\_\_. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Help us, O God, and transform us by thy grace so that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence; never faltering until we have done all that thou desirest to bring thy realm of peace to fulfillment. All this we pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Almighty and most merciful Father, **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant alone stands to pronounce the absolution.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his 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 them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, 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.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Choir sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*The consecrated Bread is broken. A sustained period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

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. Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

### AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.*

### MOTET

‘Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake;’ *Richard Farrant*

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

(J. Bull, ‘Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations,’ 1568)

*Please kneel or sit.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 107 – O Lord, turn not thy face from me

- 1 O Lord, turn not thy face from me,  
Who lie in woeful state,  
Lamenting all my sinful life  
Before thy mercy-gate;
- 2 A gate which opens wide to those  
That do lament their sin;  
Shut not that gate against me, Lord,  
But let me enter in.
- 3 So come I to thy mercy-gate,  
Where mercy doth abound,  
Requiring mercy for my sin  
To heal my deadly wound.
- 4 Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask;  
This is the total sum;  
For mercy, Lord is all my suit,  
Lord, let mercy come.

*Please kneel.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### LENTEN BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### CONCLUDING HYMN 119 – Have mercy, Lord, on me

- 1 Have mercy, Lord, on me,  
As thou wert ever kind;  
Let me, opprest with loads of guilt,  
Thy wonted mercy find.
- 2 Wash off my foul offence,  
And cleanse me from my sin;  
For I confess my crime, and see  
How great my guilt has been.
- 3 The joy thy favour gives  
Let me again obtain,  
And thy free Spirit's firm support  
My fainting soul sustain.
- 4 To God the Father, Son,  
And Spirit glory be,  
As t'was, and is, and shall be so  
To all eternity.

*St. BRIDE*  
*S. Howard, 1762*

*Tate and Brady, 1698*

*The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE:** Prelude in B Minor, BWV 544, *J. S. Bach*