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Second Sunday in Lent  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, March 17, 2019

**Announcements and Welcome**

Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah	#690
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Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	
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Philippians 3:17-4:1	
Hymn: Brother sister let me serve you	
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35	
The Sermon	Rev. Loree Penner
The Nicene Creed	pg. 358

**Prayers of the People**

Officiant: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

Reader: We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through,  
**And cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.

Purge us from our sin,  
**And we shall be pure.**

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
**that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially...

We pray for those in the armed forces at home and abroad...

We pray for those who have died, especially...and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Officiant: Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that you must undergo great suffering and be killed before rising again; grant us the strength and wisdom to be your followers and to take up our cross to follow you, this day and always.

***Amen.***

<b>The Peace</b>	<b>pg. 360</b>
<b>The Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries</b>	<b>pg. 830</b>
<b>The Offertory: Good to be alive</b>	
<b>The Doxology</b>	<b>#380 (vs.3)</b>
<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer C</b>	<b>pg. 369</b>
<b>Sanctus: Scholtes</b>	
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>pg. 364</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	<b>pg. 364</b>
<b>The Communion of the People</b>	
<b>Communion: Draw me close to you, Create in me a clean heart</b>	
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	<b>pg. 365</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>Recessional Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy</b>	<b>#470</b>

## Announcements

**Altar Guild:** The arrangements on the altar today are given in memory in memory of Arnold Ripperger by Eleanore Ripperger and in memory of Dorothy Woodring by Nan Woodring. For the month of March we have dedications available for Wine, Branch Candles and Eucharistic Candles. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com), or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication.

**A Note from the Deacon:** I truly appreciate your support and your gift of an oil stock. It's a perfect gift to remember my time with you in my future ministry, wherever God takes me. In Christ, Joe+

**The last fresh fruit sale will be Saturday, April 13.** Call the office or place your order online at [www.stthomastowson.org](http://www.stthomastowson.org). Order forms will be mailed shortly.

**St. Thomas' Update:** One of the things we decided with the staff of Epiphany Timonium was to do some preaching exchanges. Our first exchange will be March 31, when the Rev. Kristopher Linde-Payne will preach and preside here, and Rev. Loree will do the same at Epiphany. A second date, April 28, Rev. Loree will be out of town for a wedding, and Kristopher+ will fill in here. Our third date is on May 12, when Rev. Loree will go to Epiphany and the Rev. Amy Myers, Associate Rector at Epiphany, will be here to preach and preside.

We want to keep you informed while we are in this state of being pre-imperiled with the diocese. On March 24, the Vestry will meet with our consultant, the Rev. Mark Stanley of Old St. Paul's. In order to be transparent with the congregation, we will have a Town Hall meeting after church on April 7 to let you know our next steps. Please continue to keep the church, Rev. Loree, and the Vestry in your prayers.

**Join us following worship, in the Fellowship Hall for our Lenten forum as we, again, follow the *Way of Love*.** Similar to our Advent forum, we will use the Easter Vigil readings to make connections with the seven practices of the *Way of Love*. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and join us on the journey.

**Thursdays @ Tom's -Lent Edition:** Join us on Thursdays in Lent with Evening Prayer at 6pm. A separate event will begin at 6:30pm with a simple meal of soup/stew, salad and bread followed by the sharing of sacred stories by members of our community. If you would like to share your story or help prepare a meal, please see Joe+ on Sundays or through email at [joezolly@hotmail.com](mailto:joezolly@hotmail.com).

**Interested in joining a book club?** The next meeting will be held on April 1 at 7pm, and we will be discussing the book "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. The meeting will be held at St. Thomas'. All are welcome to attend, so please come and bring a friend!

**Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need:** Mo Otradovec, Dottie D., Jan Jr., David J., Jeri Adams, Andrew Bures, Bill D., Rick D., Leigh, Wanda S., Dowell S., Bill F., Lou W., Amy S., Janet, Tammy J., Doug H., Donna, Peter C., Dee, Carolyn, Daniel, Charles Bellows, Sue, Bernie, and Lesley, Curtis and Sue Meador, Bill H, Dennis W., Annemarie C., George, and Mary Lou.

**And for those who are homebound:** Theresa Welsch, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter, and Dan Licht.

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