

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Second Sunday of Lent

The liturgical color today is purple in preparation.

“We Gather In God’s Presence…”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

Amen!

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to return unto the Lord.

Let us worship God who walks with us this and every day.

Introit

‘Come, Let Us Return Unto the Lord’

Prosch/Schaffer

Come, let us return unto the Lord (4x)

In the valley, we are not afraid (4x)

In the darkest night, we’re not alone (4x)

Help us, Lord, to trust in You, we pray (4x)

Prayer

Song

'Be Still, My Soul'

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Trust in your God, your Savior and your guide
Who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
The voice that calmed them in this world below

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall dwell with God forevermore
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than

seeking your vision and future for our lives. Forgive us Lord: for our lack of trust; for our faithless living; for closing our ears to the call of Jesus. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Response

‘Oh, the Mercy of God’

Bullock

Oh the mercy of God
The glory of grace
That You chose to redeem us
To forgive and restore
And You call us Your children
Chosen in You
To be holy and blameless
To the glory of God

Refrain

To the praise
Of Your glorious grace
To the praise
Of Your mercy and love
To God be all glory
Honor and praise
Forever and ever and ever
Amen

Oh, the richness of grace
The depths of your love
In You is redemption
The forgiveness of sin

And you called us as righteous
Predestined in You
To be holy and blameless
To the glory of God (*refrain*)

Words of Assurance and Hope

Song 'My Faith Has Found a Resting Place'

Poirier

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is freed
I trust the ever-living One
His wounds for me shall plead

Refrain

I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me

Enough for me that Jesus saves
This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul, I come to Him
He'll never cast me out (*refrain*)

My heart is leaning on the Word
The written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name
Salvation through His love (*refrain*)

...To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

Romans 4:13-25

...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory

“You Were There”

arr. Schaffer / Hill

Jordan Hill

**You were there before we came
You took the hurt, you took the shame
We built the walls to block your way
You tore them down
You won the day**

**It wasn't right, it wasn't fair, but
You taught us all
You made us care
Yes, you were there, and thanks to you
There's now a door we all walk through**

**And we are here, for all to see...
You changed our lives, You set us free
Yes, I am here...
Because you were there**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Song

‘To God Be the Glory’

Crosby/Doane

**To God be the glory, great things he has done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in**

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear his voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To ev'ry believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives (*Refrain*)**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see (*Refrain*)**

Benediction

Children and Worship Series

“Jesus & The Children”

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us viewing together
Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Jordan Hill
Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,
Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

Join the Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of Daniel, Neisha Zahn and Tyler Yannone **this afternoon at 4pm AST (3pm EST)**. Because of Covid restrictions and safety protocols (*something I know Daniel felt strongly about*) the seating will be reserved for immediate family and participants only. We invite you and strongly encourage you to organize **“Satellite Sanctuaries”** (*Tyler would love that phrase!*) where you, your family, your close friends, your work associates, etc. can watch, worship, grieve and celebrate together. The service will be Livestreamed so that the whole world can join us in remembering these remarkable people whom we loved so dearly!

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

**Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22**

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

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