

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
Founded 1660



March 14, 2021

We Welcome One and All
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

The liturgical color today is purple for preparation and penitence.

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 107:1,21-22)*

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

Amen!

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let us be thankful for God’s steadfast love,

for God’s wonderful works to humankind.

And let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices,

and tell of God’s deeds with songs of joy.

Come, let us worship our God, gather from near
and far,

For God’s steadfast love endures forever.

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

'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

LAUDES DOMINI

**When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking, cries
May Jesus Christ be praised
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair
May Jesus Christ be praised**

**Discordant humankind
In this, your concord find
May Jesus Christ be praised
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound
May Jesus Christ be praised**

**Be this, while life is mine
My canticle divine
May Jesus Christ be praised
Be this th'eternal song
Through all the ages long
May Jesus Christ be praised**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God Who So Loves the World, You sent us Your only Son, so that we might believe and have eternal life. We have often failed to understand that eternity begins now, that the life You offer is here, and transcends death. We have often failed to understand that how we live matters, and that we sometimes participate in the sins of this world without recognizing it. We have often sinned in our purchases, in our desires, in our shrugging shoulders, in our longing to just focus on ourselves. Forgive us and call us from our sinful, selfish ways. Call us back to You, God Who So Loves the World, so that we might remember You came not to condemn but to save. Help us to turn our hearts, and be restored to You. In the name of Christ, who redeems us all, we pray...

Response

'Just As I Am'

Bradbury/Cottrell

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy love was giv'n to me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned

**By the love of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am**

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

Song

'Open the Eyes of My Heart'

Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You**

...To Hear God's Word

Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9

Message

"A Change in Posture!"

And Respond With Gratitude...

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Offertory "Be Lifted High"

Ray

Look to the hill where our Savior died
See a love so faithful, so divine
By grace in His wounds I am purified
Behold the Son, He is lifted high

See from His head, from His hands, His feet
Comes the healing flow that covers me
My soul, sown in death, now is raised to life
Behold the Son, He is lifted High

O how great a love
O how rich the price
For the sinner's heart
What a sacrifice
O the cost of love
Now demands my life
Son of God, be lifted high

Run to grave where our Savior laid
Find the Living One who took my place
His wounds marred with shame now are glorified
Behold the Son, He is Lifted High
I will fall on my knees to lift you high to lift you high

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter ev'ry trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast
Let us all in thee inherit
Let us find thy promised rest
Take away our love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith, as its Beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Finish, then, thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory
'Til in heav'n we take our place
'Til we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder, love, and praise

Benediction

**Liturgy adapted from © 2021 Rev-o-lution Worship Resources ~ Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

“Jesus and Zacchaeus”

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

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

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33**

The Ladies Bible Study meets 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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