

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 10 a.m.

Intergenerational Service

Opening Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father"

The image shows the musical score for the hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father". It is written for a soprano and bass voice part. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child-ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Kyrie S-98

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON (Please be Seated)

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Please Stand as You Are Able) Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY (Please be Seated)

Fr. RJ

Intergenerational Craft

Prayers of the People *First Sunday in Lent*

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

Intercessor 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. We especially pray for Barrie, Ten, Vonda, Henry, Jim, Jane, and Ron.

Give them the joy of your saving help,
and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**
We pray for those who have died, especially Maureen, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Cast them not away from your presence, **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.

PARISH NOTICES (Please be Seated)

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant adds a proper preface

The Celebrant proceeds

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S-130.....Franz Schubert

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

To Be Said By Those Online and Other Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

COMMUNION

Communion Music: Come, Thou Almighty King.....arr. Shackley

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Closing Hymn: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world:
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight;

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children
All the children of the world:
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Maureen Armour – Mark and Kim Nadel

In Memory of Those Deeply Missed – Doug Carey

Think spring! Easter is early this year so now is the time to order lilies to decorate the church for this special day. The lilies this year will be **\$20 each** and can be taken home after whichever service is attended on March 31st.

As usual each lily can be dedicated (IMO) in memory of, (ICO) in celebration of, (ITF) in thanksgiving for, and (IHO) in honor of dedication. Please mark if you are planning to take a lily home or if you are making a dedication alone. Each order should be accompanied by a check made out to *St. Mark's Altar Guild*. **Deadline for ordering a lily is March 4th.**

Looking forward to a festive Easter celebration. Altar Guild

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT UPDATE

Our St. Mark's children and preteens have been working very hard on their project to donate hygiene kits to Hope Outreach Ministries. In 2023, they were able to donate 2322 kits! The kids really want to beat their record moving forward in 2024.

To help them achieve this goal you can:

- Donate antibacterial bar soap
- Donate new washcloths
- Place check or money in the offering plate designated to Sunday School Outreach (we will do the shopping for you)



On Sunday, February 4 they assembled 247 kits that were then blessed by Father RJ during the 10:00 Service. Special thanks to Gary Mull for delivering the kits!

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project to help those in need locally.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 19:

Presidents' Day, Office Closed

Wednesday, February 21:

Lenten Supper, 6:30 p.m.

February Anniversaries

6 Bill and Beck Rand

18 Ashely and Jess Hostetter

23 Brad and Sandi Kaustinen

February Birthdays

4 Rick Werren

5 Lesley Kiesling, Caroline Willoughby

7 Tom Turner

11 Peggy Peretzky

15 Ron Brookes

22 Lauren Hoot

23 MaryAnn Kiesling

Servers this Sunday, February 18:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce and Judy Hixon

Acolyte: Danny Holihan, Brooks Deuble, Colin Jenkins

Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise

Altar Guild: Frech, Gordon, Popovich

Servers next Sunday, February 25:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Lector 8:00 a.m.: Doug Carey

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Derek Gordon, Pam McCarthy

Acolyte: Karen Violand, Joe Hoot

Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild: Frech, Gordon, Popovich

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barrie Thorp, Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

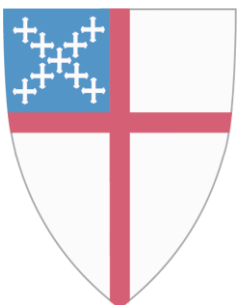
Family and Friends: Kit Caspar (Carol Hayn's brother); Jody Shumway (Co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter); Father Amjad & Molly Samuel (acquaintance of friends of Father RJ); Dr. Mallamaci (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger); Jolanda Mull, Dr. Sandy Lopater, Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill Allen (sister-in-law & friends of the Mulls); Earl Hoot (father of Joe Hoot); Ashley Stockman (friend of Katie & Ryan Kuceyeski); Mitz Cushing, Harold Freedman, & Tim Swihart (aunt of Bobbi & friends of the Gordons); Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser); Lee, Theresa, and Chuck Boone (friends & cousin of the Hixons); Nori Shawk (friend of Brynn Pelger); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Middle East and Heather Armington, Don Martin, & Mark Osterhage (request & friends of the Watters); Jane King; Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Sammy Coates (friend of Leslie Redmon); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Melanie & Trish (friends of Paulette Frech); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Jimmy Little (son of Sue Little); Yanette Pysker (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); David (acquaintance of the Nadels).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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