

*WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.*

*Welcome! We're glad you're here.*

**PRELUDE: Medley of Today's Hymns**

**Choral Call to Worship:** Seek the Lord (S-217:1,2,3)

**Processional Hymn 142:** Lord, Who Throughout..... St. Flavian

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** ..... BCP, p. 355

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

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-91** ..... Healey Willan

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both  
outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all  
adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and  
hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING:**..... Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock  
beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

*Response:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM..... Psalm 63:1-8**

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**SECOND READING .....1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

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.

*Response:*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn 628: Help Us, O Lord.....St. Ethelwald**

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

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Response:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 just 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.'"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**SERMON** ..... Fr. RJ

**THE NICENE CREED** ..... BCP, p 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant:* In this holy season, let us turn to God in prayer saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Leader:* For the holy Church of God; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our own Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, that we may heed the voice of the Lord and reform our ways and deeds, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the peoples and leaders of the nations, that we may preserve and care for the blessings of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For outcasts and those without home or land, that a place for refuge, shelter, and belonging will be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For this community, that God may grant us grace to take on the mind of Christ and to stand firm in the Lord, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For our own needs and those of others, especially for Vonda, Jim, Jane, and Ron, and all who seek our prayers, that we may all find shelter and protection under God's wings, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those who have died, especially Richard and Gil, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all the concerns, joys, and needs of our lives, we offer additional prayers, silently or aloud:

*Pause for the People to offer additional prayers.*

We pray to you, O Lord.

*People:*       **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:*   O God, by your Word you marvelously carry out the work of reconciliation: Grant that in our Lenten fast we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love: through Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ..... BCP, p. 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**THE PEACE ..... BCP, p. 360**

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

*People:*       **And also with you.**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS..... BCP, p. 830**

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.*

**Offertory Anthem: Lord, I Want To Be A Christian..... Spiritual**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP, p. 361**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds a preface and then proceeds:*

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

**S-130 ..... Franz Schubert**

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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:

**(sung) 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 forever. **AMEN. (X3 Sung)**

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.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM S-164..... Franz Schubert**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace**

## **COMMUNION:**

*All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.*

*Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.*

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

*To Be Said By Those Online and Others 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.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**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

Recessional Hymn 685: Rock of Ages.....Toplady

**As the candles are extinguished the people sing:**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Bob's Music Notes

"Lord, Who Throughout" was authored by Claudia Hernaman, daughter and wife of Anglican ministers with numerous works devoted to children. The number "forty" is Biblically significant for Christ's temptation, Moses on the Mount, Israel's wanderings, etc. Each stanza deals with a Lenten discipline. "Flavian" was a fifth-century saint in Constantinople. The melody comes from a 1562 Psalter.



"Help Us, O Lord" was penned by William Watkins Reid.

Oberlin and Yale Divinity graduate who pastored in Wyoming for fifty years and was a member of the Hymn Society. The tune is one of some fifty written by Monk, best known for "Abide With Me." He was editor of the influential "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

"Rock of Ages" has been called one of the four great Anglican hymns of the 19th century, authored by Augustus Toplady and likely inspired by a sermon at Durham Cathedral. Toplady and John Wesley had differing views of Christian Doctrine. Composer Hastings was a Connecticut musician with some 1000 tunes to his credit and a friend of Lowell Mason, America's first noted music educator whose son collaborated with Hamlin to form the Mason-Hamlin Piano Company.

## Altar Flowers Today

*In Memory of Richard Lincks - Bruce & Judy Hixon*

*In Memory of my nephew Gil Fultz- Susie Hines*



*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of a second daughter to Riley (Kiesling) & Tim Carter, granddaughter of Marcia & Dave Kiesling, great granddaughter of MaryAnn & Charlie Kiesling.*

This is the last chance to order a lily plant for Easter. Cowgill's deadline to turn in orders is after Tuesday, March 25.

Please make your dedications IMO "in memory of", ICO "in celebration of", IHO "in honor of", ITF "in thanksgiving for" or whatever you wish to specify. Include cash or a check made out to St. Mark's Church for \$20 for each plant ordered. Be sure to write lilies in the memo line.

It will be lovely to have these flowering plants surrounding the altar as we celebrate Easter. Thank you for ordering.-Susie Hines

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, March 24

1 pm- Knitting, Family Room

### Tuesday, March 25

1 pm- Lunch Bunch, John's Bar

6:30 pm- Yoga, with Beth

### Wednesday, March 26

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

6 pm- Lenten Dinner



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### Cluster Dinner Group:

Our winter hiatus is about over.

Stay tuned for info about signing up for Cluster

Dinners and possible start date.- MaryAnn Kiesling

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Ken Jaeb
- 4 Sandy Paradis
- 6 Charlie Kiesling  
Chuck Violand
- 7 Leslie Redmon
- 8 Beth Bletzacker
- 10 Kathy Sloan
- 11 Brooks Deuble  
Colin Jenkins
- 12 Geoff Gordon
- 13 Carol Hayn
- 14 Jonathan Wise
- 18 Emmett Arnold
- 21 Brad Kaustinen
- 26 John Werren
- 28 Joe Hoot  
Sue Little

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Tony and Beverly Kovacevich
- 4 Richard and Marcia Tirpak
- 13 Geoff and Bobbi Gordon
- 21 Christopher and Tasha Smith
- 22 John and Carol Hayn
- 27 Tom Burns and Sara Strattan

## **Servers next Sunday, March 23**

### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Derek Gordon, Sara Strattan

Acolytes: Karen Violand, Heather Thomas

Ushers: Kent Clark, John Willoughby

Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Carol Popovich,  
Karen Violand

## **Servers next Sunday, March 30**

### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Sara Strattan

10 am: Judy Hixon, Bruce Hixon

Acolytes: Joe Hoot, Pat Wilson

Ushers: Gary Mull, John Willoughby

Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Carol Popovich,  
Karen Violand



### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

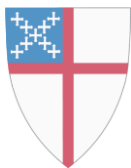
**Have compassion on:** Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

### **For those who have died:**

**Family & Friends:** **Shelley Burns** (Tom Burns' cousin's wife) + **Allison** (cousin of Sandi Kaustinen) + **Bobbie Lenzie, Lucas Anderson & family, and Clarice Lough** (sister & friends of the Watters) + **Katheleen Philippsborn** (sister of Tom Turner) + **Machelle Wells** (friend of Jaime Heinzman) + **Father Jon Coventry** (Trinity Episcopal Church - Alliance) + **Jimmy Little** (son of Sue Little) + **Alison** (friend of the Willoughbys) + **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Crowl) + **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + **Gail and Judy Shumway** (friend, sister-in-law, & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + **Dr. Mallamaci** (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) + **Jolonda Mull & Pam Lagodich** (sister-in-law & friend of the Mulls) + **Scott Jones, Val Hiner-Donlon, Rick Ciminelli, & Harold Freedman** (cousin & friend of the Gordons) + **Larry Aclaska + Lee, Theresa, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **Melanie & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) + **Pat Walter & family** (friend of Barb Whitehouse) + **Alycia Geis** (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) + **Don Siegfried & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (husband and sister of Barb Siegfried) + **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) + **Tony Donahue** (friend of the Boyds) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + **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 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 on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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