

Holy Eucharist  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
February 25, 2024

**Saint Mark's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



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

*Welcome! We are glad you are here.*

Prelude: Medley of Today's Hymns

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

Processional Hymn 145: Now Quit Your Care.....Quittez Pasteurs

Opening Acclamation

*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.

Gloria: S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*  
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Solo: The Stranger of Galilee.....Lelia Naylor Morris  
Ken Jaeb, baritone

### **First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 22:22-30**

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 691: My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....Olivet

**Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those

who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Priest*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Response*                ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily (Please be seated)

Fr. RJ

*THE NICENE CREED (Please Stand as You Are Able)*

**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** *Second 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 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 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.**

**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

### 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.*

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Oh How He Loves You and Me.....Kurt Kaiser

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.***

**COMMUNION**      *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

Communion Music: Prayer (Judas Maccabeus).....Handel arr. Martin

**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.*

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 636: How Firm A Foundation.....Foundation

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



## **Altar Flowers:**

To the Glory of God

## **Bob's Music Notes**

Ken's solo was written (words and music) in 1893 by the organist of McConnellsville OH Trinity ME Church, one of 1000 from her pen. Failing eyesight in her later years led to her son constructing a large chalkboard which she used to write her music. Christ is at first a "stranger" but by the refrain, no longer.

"Now Quit Your Care" is the happiest Lenten hymn we'll sing this year. The tune started life as a Christmas song telling the shepherds ("pasteurs") to quit their sheep and run to Bethlehem. The Lenten text is by Anglican Percy Dearmer (b.1867) who, along with RVW and Martin Shaw was responsible for reviving ancient music in the church. He was a canon of Westminster Abbey.

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" came about at a Boston meeting with Congregational clergyman Ray Palmer and Lowell Mason in 1830 when the latter was compiling a hymnal "Spiritual Songs for Social Worship." Mason is considered America's first noted music educator with 1000 tunes to his credit, including "Mary Had A Little Lamb!"

He was president of Boston's Handel and Haydn Society. He was the father of Henry Mason who founded the piano firm of Mason & Hamlin, known as the "poor man's Steinway," one of which I owned and just donated to Canton Christian Home Chapel.

"How Firm A Foundation" comes from a 1787 hymnal compiled by John Rippon - a favorite hymn of Robert E. Lee. The marvelous pentatone (which can be played just on the black keys) is from the 1844 hymnal "The Sacred Harp."

The choir selection is by Kurt Kaiser (1934-2018), an influential modern composer. At age 12 he was performing on Chicago's radio WMBI and went on to copyright 300 songs. He became associated with the Word publishers in Waco TX.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, February 26:

Knitting, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27:

Lunch Bunch, Grinder's (North Canton) at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28:

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 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

## **Servers next Sunday, March 3:**

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Tom Turner, Carol Hayn

Acolyte: Danny Holihan, Colin Jenkins

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

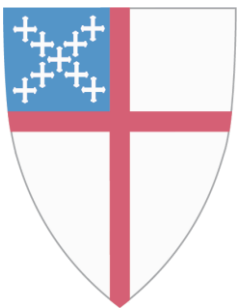
**Family and Friends:** Kit Caspar (Carol Hayn's brother); Jody Shumway (Co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter); Father Amjad & Molly Samuel (acquaintance of friends of Father RJ); Dr. Mallamaci (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger); Jolanda Mull, Dr. Sandy Lopater, Kirk Schuring, Pam Lagodich, & Bill 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); Heather Armington & Mark Osterhage (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 Pysher (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](mailto: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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