

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2021

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIjAbU4y5E&feature=youtu.be>

Prelude: *Choral Prelude on "Abridge"* C. S. Lang

Hymn: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Hymnal 142

Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Celebrant: Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison S-91

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer 218

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.*

***Congregation:* Collect for St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

Gracious God, through your Fatherly goodness, make St. Mark's a Christian community united to serve others; enrich our life in Christ, that we might celebrate and share Christ's love; and send your Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage to proclaim the Good News of your love through word and deed. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 17:1-7.15-16)

Reader: Dr. Jon Campbell

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

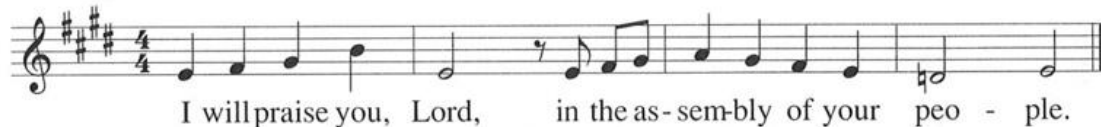
give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Peter A. Madpak, Cantor



Verses:

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear God. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations shall bow down in awe. They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth, all who must die and go down to the dust. (R)
3. My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come; declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God. These things the Lord has done. (R)

Setting: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Hertzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598–1662), alt.
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A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 4:13-25)

Reader: Dr. Jon Campbell

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.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Maggie Sullivan

Nicene Creed

BCP 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 Form VI

BCP 392

People may stand or kneel for the prayers.

Deacon or Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

BCP 393

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Anthem: *God Gives Us the Song*

Craig Courtney

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 367

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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Hymn: *My Song is Love Unknown*

Hymnal 458 v. 1-2,5

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

The Blessing

Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal 401 v. 1-3

The Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Scherzo on 'Come Thou Fount'*

-arr. Frederick Steffen



The prayers of the parish family are asked for those who have died:
Robert Olivieri, Ann Wagenknecht Wilson



UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, February 28 - Venice's Annual CROP WALK: This year the CROP WALK is being held virtually. To join St. Mark's virtual walk team, register at events.crophungerwalk.org, select the link to Join or Start a team, then search for an existing team, St. Mark's. You can also donate to sponsor those already walking, either by putting a check in the collection plate, mailing a check to the office or online - select the fund for 2021 Crop Walk. The need this year is great due to the pandemic. Or contact Dennis Keck (609-969-0033) or Jon Barrick (941-306-9227)

ECW Monthly Eucharist and Program, Tuesday, March 2nd, starting at 10:00 a.m. Beginning with the service of morning prayer with Eucharist, followed by a brief report on ECW activities. The guest speaker will be Dr. Nickolas Angelastro, his topic will be the COVID-19 virus and vaccines. He is certified in Emergency Medicine and has 25 years of family emergency medicine experience. He did his residency at the Geisinger Health System and Medical School at the University of Medicine in New Jersey. **EVERYONE is welcome to hear this speaker.** Social distancing and masking protocols will be required.

Continuing Christian Education Series with Father Mike - Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom: Join Father Mike as he *ties the Easter Vigil readings to the seven practices of the Way of Love*. This series will continue through April 7th. **March 3 PRAY: Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-15:1);** March 10 LEARN: Wisdom and Live (Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6); March 17 BLESS: A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28); March 24 REST: The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14); March 31 WORSHIP: The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3:12-20); April 7 GO: The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-12).

Zoom Meeting ID: 948 1580 8175 and Passcode: 941. [MEETING LINK](#)

Can't make it? The series will be recorded. Please call the Church Office if you would like us to email you the link to the digital recording. Need a place to view it or don't have a computer? Contact the Church Office to reserve a seat in the Conference Room to participate live.

St. Mark's Book Circle next meeting will be March 16th at 10:00 a.m. in Gray Hall. March's book is *The Book of Two Ways*, by Jodi Picoult. This group meets the third Tuesday each month, with summer vacation May-September.

ECW Quiet Day, Tuesday, March 23rd, 8:00 a.m. at DaySpring. Quiet day is a special time to gather for mediation and reflection. The facilitators this year will be Deacon Joyce Treppa and Dr. Jon Campbell. The cost for participation is \$15.00 per person which includes lunch. Advance payment is your registration for Quiet Day.

Deadline to register is March 1st, 2021.

CONTINUING EVENTS

"In-person" Worship - Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Seating is limited. Please register to reserve your seat on our website: <https://stmarksvenice.com/services> or by calling the office. Registration opens Tuesday for the following Sunday's service. For more details, please contact the office.

"In-person" Outside Worship - Saturdays 4:30 p.m. Join us outside on the labyrinth for the Saturday Evening Eucharist Service. No reservations are required, we will ask you to sign in when you attend. Mask and social distancing will be the norm. We will have outdoor chairs available or you can bring your own chair.

Coffee Hour, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Grab your cup of coffee and join us for some fellowship via [Zoom meetings](#). Sit at your own table and enjoy the weekly conversation about this and that! For more information on Zoom or for help starting Zoom, please contact the church office or check out www.zoom.us. Zoom is an easy video/audio conferencing application. You can join with audio only from any regular telephone.

Drive-Through Communion – Sundays at 11 a.m. – Noon. You are invited to receive Holy Communion from the safety of your car. While this is an unusual approach, we do long to share the blessing of Holy Eucharist as part of our Sunday celebration of prayer and thanksgiving. Please enter the parking lot behind Gray Hall via Riviera Street.

Morning Prayer under the Oaks on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. We now have chairs available or you can still bring your own chair, masks are required.

Men's Morning Fellowship – Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Weekly opportunity for Men's fellowship. During the pandemic, the meetings have been held online **via Zoom**. Please contact the church office for the Zoom meeting details.

Youth Group – Wednesday evenings – 4th-8th Grades meet at 6:00 p.m. 9th-12th Grades meet at 7:00 p.m.



INTERCESSIONS: For the universal Church; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Communion; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Julio, Bishop of our Companion Diocese; for St. Mark's Clergy; for a resolution to the conflict in the Middle East; for civilian workers; for military chaplains; our service personnel, their families; victims of terror and abuse everywhere; for all those suffering due to disasters of nature.

THE SICK: Jean Alfano, Chad Alley, Milt Barnes, John Barr, Emma Bentley, Sue Bickenton, Joyce Bishop, Patricia Blow, Barbara & Ed Boucher, Barry Briggs, Gibb Brownlie, Genevieve Brussee, Scott Buckley, Dick Bull, Betty Caldwell, Jackson Carmichael, Kayce Caswell, Loretta Cunningham, Donne Cutting, Janie Davis, Ron Davis, Carole Doll, Connie Dowry, Shari Duval, John Eichman, Rodney Eller, Evelyn Eisenhower, Chris Emmons, Mack Emmons, Judy Epperson, Robert Evans, Ouida Felker, Clint Ferrazzo, Dan Flatt, Lyn Ford, Alan Freeman, Jerry Freischlag, Bob Fritche, Flora Garsten, Michael Gavin, Lynda Geyer, Jason Goss, Betty Graves, Jennifer Grieger, Joshua Griffin, Douglas Griffith, Anne Grubb, Steve Grupp, Tracy Hagar, Meredith and Allan Hardman, Woody Harvey, Sue Hatch, Penny Heleman, Kristin Hickey, Hobey Hinchman, Christina Hines, Linda Hintzpeter, Natalie Holcroft, Linda Hopkins, Madeline Horvath, Linda Hubbard, Matt Hulbert, John Hussey, Nancy Hussey, Eleanor Jean, Jennifer, Forrest Jerome, Jill, Joshua Johns, Karen & Steven Kabatski, Molly Kehoe, Robert Kench, Janine Kiddle, Sarah Kipp, Kirstin Knotph, Lee Krumbacher, Mary Krzos, Charles Lakowsky, Jennifer & Jack Laules, Joyce Leithauser, Leslie Livinghouse, E. Melvin Lloyd, Bill Luckfield, Scott Macintosh, Anita Marshall, Paul Marshall, Michael Mayo, Willa McCafferty, Victor Mankiewicz, Kim Medvedis, Melissa McCoy, Barbara Minor, Andrea Montgomery, Elizabeth Moser, Pam Motte, Mark Nettesheim, Elizabeth Ord, Rachel Parrish, Lucy Patterson, Deb & Holly Ranieri, Eli Rider, Dori Reiley, Tom Ritzel, Sarah and Aaron Royster, Lora Rzepka, Barbara Sammons, Cynthia Schein, Linda Seerey-Lester, David Sherwood, Liz Shetterly, Helen Sica, David Simmons, Jeff Slang, Doug Small, Rich Smith, Lisa Spears, Nan Stortz, Mike Strasburger, Nancy Tabor, Molly Taylor, Marvin Thomas, Sally Thomas, Harris H. Tibbetts, Jr., Peter Tibbetts, David Todd, Len Van Zinderen, Jim Walker, Eddie Ward, Christopher Warnock, Connie Waymer, Ann Weaver, Bernie Welker, John White, Lisa Whole, Bob Williams, Kathryn Williams, Kourtney Williams, Hubert Willis, Randy Willis, Robert Wills, Tara Wintermute, Jan Wolf, Mark Woodward, Ann Worrall, those in nursing homes and our parish homebound.

