

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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## Fifth Sunday in Lent March 21st, 2021

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syKmQy3sgVU>

**Prelude:** *Chorale and Variation on 'Herzlich tut mich verlangen'* Felix Mendelssohn

**Hymn:** *Ah, Holy Jesus* Hymnal 158 v. 1-3

**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 219

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-34)** Reader: Gary Fisher

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

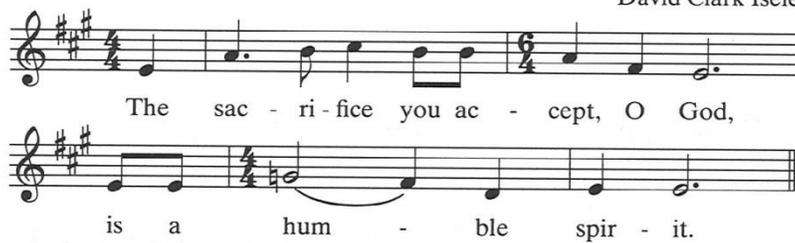
*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 51:1-13

Peter A. Madpak, Cantor

Refrain:

David Clark Isele



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Verses:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. [refrain]

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, and the body you have broken make rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you. [refrain]

### A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 5:5-10)

Reader: Rev. Judith S. Roberts

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### The Gospel: John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus

answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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:** *A Call to Silence*

Craig Courtney

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 367

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

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

### 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:** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymnal 325

### 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.*

### Lenten Blessing

**Hymn:** *Eternal Lord of Love*

Hymnal 149

**The Dismissal:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude:** *Fanfare*

Jacques Lemmens

The prayers of the parish family are asked for those who have died:  
*Robert Olivieri, Alan Freeman, Kevin Zwick*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christian Education Series with Father Mike - Wednesday, March 24th 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 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 to view the Zoom meeting from the Conference Room in the Church office.

**ECW Quiet Day, Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. *Registration is closed for this event.*

**United Thank Offering (UTO)** is a simple way for each individual to UNITE with other Episcopalians to express THANKS to God for His blessing by OFFERING prayers and resources to support innovative mission and ministry to our neighbors around the world. Through UTO you are encouraged to notice the good things that happen each day and make an offering for each blessing by adding to your contribution envelope. Included in the March newsletter you will find collection envelopes. For those folks that prefer to count their daily blessings by using the blue UTO box, they will be available in the church on Sundays, or in the church offering during the week. Contact the church office if you would like one mailed to you. Find more info at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/>

**Lenten Meditation with The Order of the Daughters of the King,** based on the St. Francis prayer, "Lord Make us Instruments of your Peace" and led by Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin. All are welcome to join this group on Zoom **every Tuesday through March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. for 15-20 minutes. Zoom information: Member ID 216 337 7615, Passcode: DOK

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Venice Bible Readathon** April 6-10: Public reading of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation in Centennial Park. Register to read, 10-15 minute time slots, at <https://venice.biblereadathon.org/>

**St. Mark's Book Circle Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in Gray Hall. April's book is *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland*, by Jim DeFede. This group meets the third Tuesday each month, with summer vacation May-September.

## WEEKLY 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](http://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** – 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 6:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, and those in nursing homes and our parish homebound.





# 2021 HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



## **PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 28th

IN-PERSON

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTRATION

WILL OPEN

TUESDAY 3/23

MARCH 27th (SAT)  
4:30 PM OUTDOORS

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

APRIL 1st

IN-PERSON

7:30 PM

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTRATION

WILL OPEN

THURSDAY 3/25

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 2nd

IN-PERSON

12 NOON

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTRATION

WILL OPEN

FRIDAY 3/26

FOLLOWED BY  
STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS - OUTDOORS

## **EASTER VIGIL**

APRIL 3rd

IN-PERSON

7:30 PM

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTRATION

WILL OPEN

TUESDAY 3/30

NO SATURDAY  
4:30 PM OUTDOOR  
SERVICE

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 4th

IN-PERSON

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTRATION

WILL OPEN

TUESDAY 3/30

Note: Please watch your email or the website for information about virtual services.

