

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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## The First Sunday of Lent February 21st, 2021

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Yru1FsWRgc>

**Prelude:** *Beautiful Savior*

arr. K. Hildebrand

**Hymn:** *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymnal 150

### Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and 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 217

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.*

### ***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 9:8-17)**

Reader: Dr. Jon Campbell

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

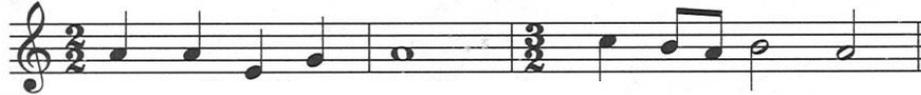
see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 25

Peter A. Madpak, Cantor



**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.<sup>4</sup>*

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:** *Lamb of God*

John Reim

**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)

## 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 Glory of These Forty Days*

Hymnal 143

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

**Postlude:** *Fugue*

Jehan Alain



The Sanctuary candle is given:

*In Loving Memory of Bob Perkins, on our 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, by Donna Perkins*



The prayers of the parish family are asked for those who have died:  
*Marilyn Langdon, Mary-Louise Powell, Kevin O'Connor, June Blackmore-Glover,  
Robert Olivieri, Ann Wagenknecht Wilson*

## SPECIAL / WEEKLY / MONTHLY EVENTS:

**Upcoming Series with Father Mike beginning Wednesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom:** Join us as we *tie the Easter Vigil readings to the seven practices of the Way of Love*. This series will be continuing for 7 weeks. February 24 TURN: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ (Romans 6:3-11); 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, or [meeting link](#).

**Venice's Annual CROP WALK, February 28<sup>th</sup>.** This year the CROP WALK is being held virtually. Join St. Mark's virtual walk team, register at [events.crophungerwalk.org](https://events.crophungerwalk.org), select the link to Join or Start a team, then search for an existing team, St. Mark's. Use can use the online tools to solicit friends / family / co-workers to support you and the ministry by donating. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, celebrate your good work and walk 1-3 miles alone or with those living in quarantine with you. Or anyone can donate directly to the ministry by dropping your donation in the collection plate during any in-person service, or mailing checks to St. Mark's office, in the memo indicate "Crop Walk." Also you can donate online at our website, select the donate option, then select the fund "2021 Crop Walk." Thank you for supporting this essential ministry. For more information contact Dennis Keck (609-969-0033) or Jon Barrick (941-306-9227)

**ECW Quiet Day, Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 am 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. Social distancing and masking protocols will be required. The cost for participation is \$15.00 per person which includes lunch. Advance payment is your registration for Quiet Day. Payments can be made by mail, in person at the church office, dropped in the collections plate at any in-person service, or online at our donation page, select the fund for ECW Quiet Day. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's ECW, if you are paying for more than one person, please indicate the attendee names in the memo line. **Deadline to register is March 1st, 2021.**

**ECW Monthly Eucharist and Program, Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 10:00 am.** We hope you will join us for our next general meeting. Beginning with the service of morning prayer with Eucharist will be followed by a brief report on ECW activities. Then we plan to have a healthcare representative share information about the various COVID vaccines, the ongoing process in obtaining them and the progress made in ensuring citizens are protected from the virus. Social distancing and masking protocols will be required.

**"In-person" Worship - Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 am.** 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 pm.** 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. Contact the office with questions.

**Coffee Hour, Sundays at 10:00 am.** 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 am.** 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.

**St. Mark's Book Circle next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 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, Pat Lauth, 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.

