

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!
Second Sunday in Lent—March 13, 2022
Eucharist Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN

Tree of Life

Text: Marty Haugen
Tune: *THOMAS* (Haugen)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

MARK 12:29-31

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

CONFESSION

Celebrant We turn our hearts to prayer, vulnerable before you and each other, naming the ways we fall short of who you have created us to be.

We trust that you are a God of tenderness and mercy, who loves us deeply as we are today and yet calls us to more wholehearted, brave, useful living. *Silence may be kept.*

We confess hardness of heart, lack of vision and grasping at simple solutions to complex problems.

We confess taking for granted the blessing and abundance in our lives; choosing convenience and comfort over self-sacrifice for the common good.

We confess the difficulty we have loving our enemies and forgiving those who have done us harm.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant We confess not loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We confess the ugly rhetoric and polarizing caricatures we use to describe those who disagree with us.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

We confess underestimating our power to change the world.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Aid us, forgive us, help us forgive each other, help us forgive ourselves. Inspire and send us, we pray, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Fill us with hope and help us start anew.

ABSOLUTION

Church of England

Celebrant May the God of love and power forgive you/us and free you/us from your/our sins, heal and strengthen you/us by the Holy Spirit and raise you/us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING COLLECT

All Desires Known by Janet Morley

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Spirit of truth and judgment, who alone can exorcize the powers that grip our world; at the point of crisis, give us your discernment, that we may accurately name what is evil, and know the way that leads to peace, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST MESSAGE

Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18

Lay Leader Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God as it comes to us from Genesis.

People **Our hearts and minds are open.**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lay Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Psalm (choir only)

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets

Henry Purcell

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

Cherry Say

Lay Catechist, Church of the Messiah in Saint Paul

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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Lay Leader Please join together in affirming our faith.

People **We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

Lay Leader And now we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Lay Leader God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith and thanksgiving:

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved, Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as God loves us.

Sung Refrain: We open our hearts to you. (2x)

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or another trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Sung Refrain: We open our hearts to you. (2x)

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of our rivers, lakes and woodlands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Sung Refrain: We open our hearts to you. (2x)

We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his realm. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their works and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Sung Refrain: We open our hearts to you. (2x)

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Sung Refrain: We open our hearts to you. (2x)

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Lay Leader Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. **Amen.**

You are welcome to make an online offering by using the "contribute" button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Eucharistic Prayer 1, **Enriching Our Worship 1***

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant For those worshipping with us virtually today, let us now say together the prayer for spiritual communion.

Celebrant and People worshipping virtually

Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

On Earth As In Heaven

Text/Music: Ray Makeever

BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body; for we all share in the one bread.**

COMMUNION HYMN

You Shall Cross the Barren Desert

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Steven Shakespeare

Celebrant **Lord of this feast beyond measure and price, we thank you for meeting us in our**

& People **brokenness so that none might be lost. Liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.**

CELEBRANT BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Go Make a Difference Words & Music: S. Angrisano & T. Tomaszek

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world and know that there are deeds of hope and healing that will never be done unless you do them, and words of hope and healing that will never be spoke unless you speak them.
(adapted from Frederick Buechner)

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME/BREAKOUT