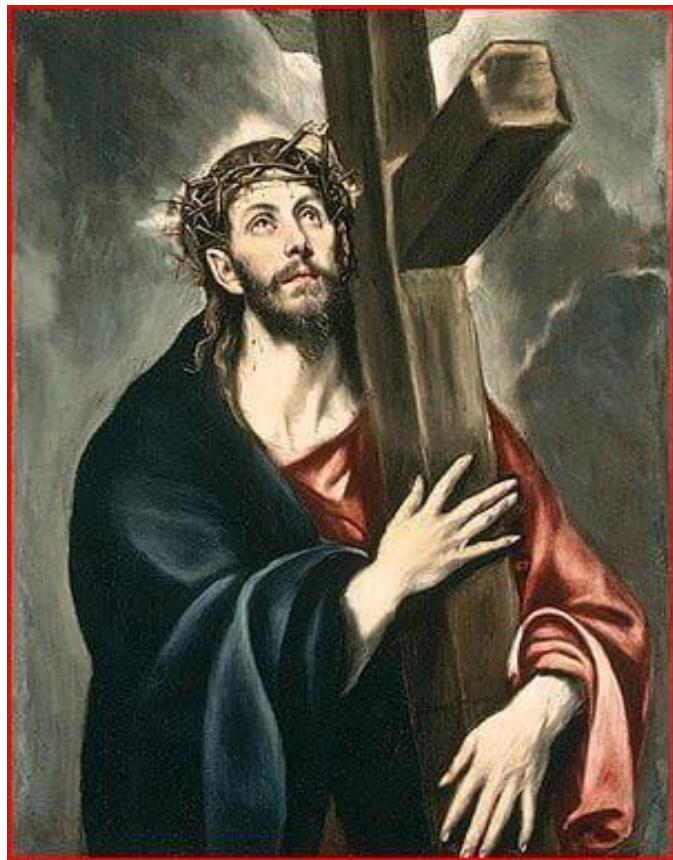


The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (10:30 also live-streamed)



Christ Carrying the Cross, El Greco

This Service includes information in red for instructions on the actions and words of the Eucharist. It is our hope that the Service will be spiritually meaningful and uplifting for all ages at St. Marks.

History

Serving God and God's people since 1836 and worshiping in this Sanctuary since 1848.

Mission

We are an inclusive community of faith, reflecting Christ's love, ministering to all who
hunger in body, mind and spirit.

Vision

Our strength as a faith community depends on our inner vitality, inclusive welcome, and outward action. Grounded in these values, we
continue our strong tradition of liturgical worship and education for all ages. We advocate for justice, serving those in need.

Statement of Inclusion

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a growing, welcoming, and affirming community of faith in a vibrant urban community. In our worship and in our service to the community, we proclaim that all people are worthy of God's love. We celebrate and uphold the dignity of all people whose ethnicity, cultural heritage, and denominational traditions are examples and celebrations of God's love. We welcome visitors and parishioners from all social, political, and educational backgrounds, and all abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We affirm all people and celebrate diversity, as we work to fulfill God's love for all people as a community of faith.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Mark's

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.

Safety: Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House is encouraged to sanitize and visitors are asked to sign the Guest Book. The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exist in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are an able-bodied person, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to enable those less mobile more parking potential. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Vouchers for free parking on Sundays and to exit are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept. A white voucher is required and must accompany the original parking ticket in order to exit the Ionia Lot.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House as well.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at noon; Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

Children's Ministry: Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry at evank@stmarksgr.org.

Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Ministry: *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings as different times of the year. Seasonal *Saturday Retreats* for adults are offered by the Rector. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. Please, contact Fr. Christian at christianb@stmarksgr.org for more information. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com. A *Book Study* is offered for adults. Please contact Carmela McIntire at carmela0067@att.net.

Breakfast Café Ministry, a program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

St. Mark's Full- Time and Part-Time Staff

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector (FT)

The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate

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Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate and Videographer

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Jamie Interial, Security Representative

Worship during Lent (Ash Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5): During Lent, our liturgies take on a different and somewhat less celebratory character due to the penitential nature of the Lenten season. The liturgical environment is sparse and the liturgical color is purple. The prayers of the liturgy reflect a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our worship begins with the offering of music with words, music and actions to follow.

The Gathering of the People

Prelude—Harmony and Counterpoint in Phrygian Mode

James Woodman

Welcome—*Lector I*

Introit “My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am a lone and poor.”

Gathering Hymn—Blue Hymnal No. 649: O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Dickinson College

Invitation to Prayer

Presider I: † Blessed be God, who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Presider: 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.” (Mark 12:29-31)

The Confession

Presider I: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9) (*Silence is observed.*)

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Kyrie

Healey Willan

Absolution

Presider I: May † Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider II: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

At this point, we are seated as able to listen and hear the Word of God from the Sacred Scriptures of both the Hebrew and Christian Traditions.

The Hebrew Scripture (*Seated as able.*)

Exodus 17:1-7

Lector I: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Let us pray the psalm responsively by half verse.

At 10:30 a.m., the Antiphon is intoned by the choir and repeated thereafter by all as indicated.



Hard-en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

Antiphon

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Antiphon

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Antiphon

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

Romans 5:1-11

Lector II: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Standing as able.)

Gospel Hymn—Blue Hymnal No. 658: As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams

Martydom

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.
People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

A brief silence is observed for reflection.

The Nicene Creed (Please note the language for the Spirit.)

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

The Rev. Susan York

of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made a 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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.

The following prayers are offered to God on behalf of all those gathered for worship..

Prayers of the People (*Standing as able.*)

(Adapted: The Anglican Church of Canada 2013)

Lector I: O God, you uphold all those who fall and lift up all who are bowed down. Therefore, during this Season of Lent, we pray in humility with the response, hear our prayer.

Lector II: God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone. God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector I: God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken, suffering from violence of any kind. We pray for the President, Congress, our Governor, our Mayor and for all elected officials, as they strive to be people of justice and mercy.
God of Justice, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector II: God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious, especially remembering Ukraine and refugees throughout the world. God of peace,
Hear our prayer.

Lector I: God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; conflicted, in need of your grace, contrite, humble, bowed down, God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector II: God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing or those feeling physical and spiritual hurt, weakness, depression, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer List in the bulletin and all those for whom we have promised to pray. (*Pause to add names silently or aloud.*) God of healing,
Hear our prayer.

Lector I: God of the living and the dead, we pray for those who have died and those who will die this day, especially those unloved or unattended. I invite you to add the names of those for whom you wish to pray. (*Pause to add names silently or aloud.*) O God, hear us. **O God, graciously hear us.**

Presider II: O God, we ask you to hear these prayers spoken aloud and those within our hearts and give us your love, justice, healing and mercy. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider I: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And, also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

While special music is offered, the Table is prepared, and the collected gifts are presented to be blessed by God. Here, we ask God to receive our gifts of bread, wine, offerings and ourselves, as we are blessed by God in the Holy Eucharist.

The Offertory and Preparation of the Gifts

Presentation Hymn for Lent (*Standing as able.*)

Praise God through-out these for - ty days; praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
and praise the Spir-it who im-parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A-men.

The Great Thanksgiving

*Scottish Prayer Book 1983, Eucharistic Prayer III**Presider:* God be with you.*People:* **And also with you.***Presider:* Lift up your hearts.*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.***Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son's enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Creator's house, and so we pray:

Sanctus

David Hurd

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

(The people may stand or kneel.)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup. He offered you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command:
**We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Reign.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father and † send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be for us † the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Holy Reign.

Help us, baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into the heritage of the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the prophets, St. Mark and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

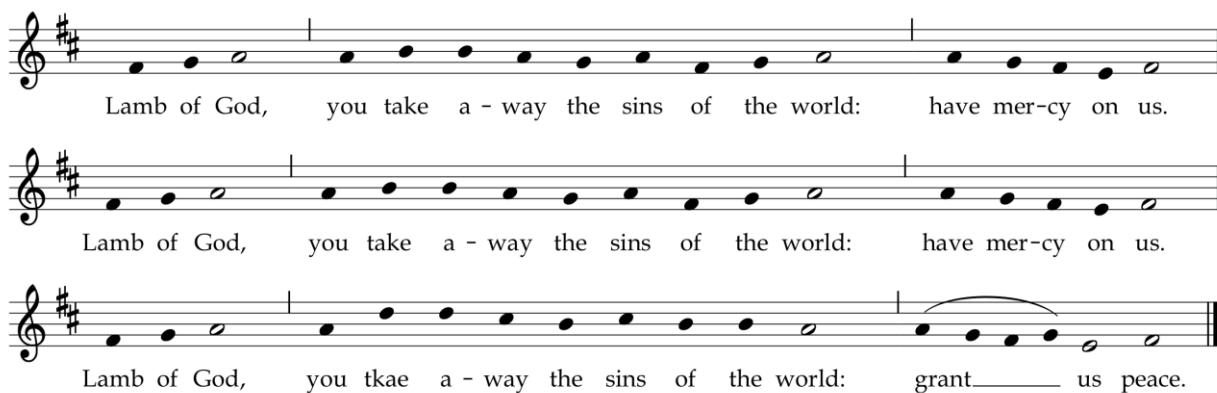
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Contemporary) 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 forever. Amen.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, no nos deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Distribution *(Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)*

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you tkae a - way the sins of the world: grant_____ us peace.

Presider I: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

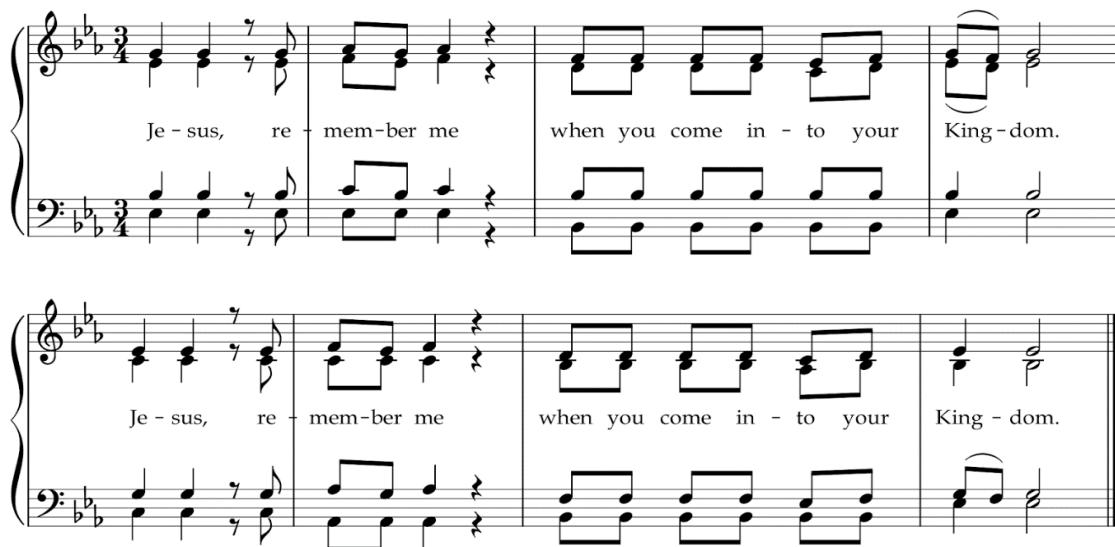
People: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Presider I: All are invited to receive Holy Communion which contains both consecrated bread and wine. An intinction cup with consecrated wine will be offered. Consecrated glutton free hosts without wine are also available. Please, follow the guide of the Ushers to receive Communion and fill-in from right to left. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome at this 'Table of the Lord.'

Healing Prayer: When a healing minister is present, a brief and simple healing prayer is offered to anyone who would like a prayer in the South Transept during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Post-Communion Chant—Jesus, Remember Me (*Sung three times*)

Taizé Chant



Post-Communion Prayer (*Standing as able.*)

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: O gracious God, Jesus stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth. We thank you for feeding us with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, the sign and instrument of our common life, food for our Lenten pilgrimage and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider I: May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and may the blessing of God, †Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon us this day and remain with us always, we pray: Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth—Blue Hymnal No. 495: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

In Babilone

Dismissal

Deacon or Presider II: Let us go in peace to love and serve God and all God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude—String Quartet in D Minor

Franz Schubert

Claire Pohl, violin; Noah VanLaan, violin; Ian Berrington, viola; Ella Todd, viola

Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until the postlude has ended. Then please join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship. Thank you.

A reminder that when the Rector preaches, a copy of his homily is available on the Resource Table of the North Transept. The 10:30 a.m. Service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and can be found at www.stmarksgr.org and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

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Pledged Amount for 2023 \$525,854

Pledges Received for 2023 \$112,019

Other Gifts & Income Received, Year to Date \$ 25,832

Thanks to all who financially support the Ministry of St. Mark's. Please know that additional pledges can be received at any time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Pam Stevenson or our Treasurer, Marc Vander Velde.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

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Tom Klein
Anais Laurent
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"Little Jack"
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Announcements

eNews and Friends of St. Mark's: For the fullest expression of the activities happening at St. Mark's, please, see the weekly eNews in your email or on the Parish's website at www.stmarksgr.org Also, consider becoming a 'Friend' of St. Mark's, as many of our communications to parishioners are posted on our Facebook Page.

Statement of Inclusion: An important part of who St. Mark's is as a community of faith is the Parish's Statement of Inclusion. It can be found on the front cover of the bulletin as well as on the St. Mark's website.

Parking and Restrooms on Sundays: Please, respect all the handicap parking spaces at St. Mark's especially on Sundays. We have any number of people in need of access parking who have been unable to park near the front entrance. Also, the second floor of the Parish House is always open on Sundays, and there are additional restrooms available to parishioners and visitors on that level.

Sunday Adult Forums: Today and March 19, 26, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Canterbury Room (See flyer)

Lunch Bunch: Today, following the 10:30 Service, join us to gather for lunch and fellowship. Childcare available. Children will be served pizza and watch movies! Adults will go to a local restaurant for lunch within walking distance! This is a great opportunity to get to know folks in our Congregation. Questions? See Shawn Krueger. Please join us!

Wednesday Forums on Psalms for Lent: March 15, 22, 28, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m. Presentation/Discussion on Psalms for Lent with Dr. David Beach, 6:30 p.m. Compline 7:45 p.m. (See flyer)

Baptisms at St. Mark's: The next two opportunities for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be at the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. and the Festival of Pentecost on May 28 at the 10:30 Eucharist. If you are interested for yourself or your child, please see Fr. Christian. Many thanks.

Lenten Private Prayer: St. Mark's is open during the week to parishioners who wish to pray in the Sanctuary or Chapel. Books of Common Prayer and Prayer Walking Cards are available for individual prayer. All are welcome.

Stations (Way) of the Cross at St. Mark's: Offered in the Sanctuary every Friday at noon during Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Offered especially during Lent. Please, see Fr. Christian or Mother Sue for an appointment and/or also consider the Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 3. (See flyer)

Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey: The schedule for sessions is posted on the bulletin board in the Foyer and on the Resource Table of the North Transept. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions as an adult formation opportunity. ~ *Christian*+

Education for Ministry for Adults (EFM): Sundays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in The Guild Room. Please, see Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com.

Social Hours following Services: We are looking for Social Hour hosts for after the 8:00 or the 10:30 Sunday Services. Coffee is provided; the responsibility is to provide and set out snacks, which can be as simple as cookies, cheese and crackers. With receipts, costs are reimbursed by Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Desk. Please consider this opportunity for service at St. Mark's.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule, 2023: Please, see the schedule for the opportunities for prayer and worship each day from Sunday, **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2**, through **Easter Sunday, April 9**. (See the flyer on the Resource Table and posted in the Parish House Foyer.)

Save-the-Date: Concert for the Human Family, April 21, 7:00 p.m. See eNews and the flyer on the front bulletin board in the Foyer for more information and tickets. All are welcome!