



**The Second Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist with Instruction Texts
February 28, 2021**

10:30 a.m.

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.



The Gathering of the People
Presider I: Principal Presider
Presider II: Preacher/Assistant Presider

Prelude – Prelude on “Deep River”

James R. Gillette

Introit (*Sung by a cantor*)

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love,
For they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Gathering Hymn – 1982 Hymnal 401: The God of Abraham Praise

**1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

**2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
We shall, on eagle’s wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
We shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.**

**3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
The Lord, our Righteousness,
Triumphant o’er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace;
On Zion’s sacred height,
His kingdom he maintains,
And, glorious with his saints in light,
Forever reigns.**

Welcome and Invitation to Prayer *Presider I*

Presider: †Bless, 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: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence*)

Presider and People: **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

Lord have mercy

C.F. Brocato

Presider II: Lord Jesus, you came to bring healing to a broken and sinful world: Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy**

Presider II: Christ Jesus, you came to comfort the poor, the suffering and the dying: Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy**

Presider II: Lord Jesus, you came to bring life, goodness and peace to all who hear your call: Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 I*

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

The Word of God

The Hebrew Scripture *Lector I at the Lectern*

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Nancy Dodge

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."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:22-30 *Lector I at the Lectern* Let us meditate on the Psalm as it is sung by the cantor

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live forever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Christian Scripture *Lector II at the Pulpit*

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Carol Faber

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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn - 1982 Hymnal 664: My Shepherd will supply my need

**1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.**

**2 When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thy oil anoints my head.**

**3 The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

Gospel Reading *Presider II at the Pulpit or Chancel Center*

Mark 8:31-38

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O 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."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

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 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.

Prayers of the People *(Lector I to the Lectern; Lectors II to the Pulpit)*

Lector I: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying "O God, have mercy." For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for a holy and meaningful Lent, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector II: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the Anglican Communion and for the unity of all people, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector I: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Wayne Houglund and his family, our clergy and all those who serve God and God's people especially here at St. Mark's, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector II: For the President, Congress, our Governor, our Mayor and for all in authority, that they may be people of justice, integrity and truth, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector I: For the good earth which God has entrusted to us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector II: For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed, the homeless, refugees and all who seek a better way of life, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector I: For the elderly and infirm, for those suffering from violence of any kind, for the sick, especially those suffering due to COVID-19, for our military personnel, for those on our Parish Prayer List, and all those for whom we have promised to pray. *(Silence to add additional names either silently or aloud).* We pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector II: For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, that they may be blessed with joy and

well-being, we pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector I: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed. Today, we remember parishioner, Russ Weigle, who died this past week. We also remember the more than 500,000 in our nation who have died due to the pandemic. May all those who have died rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Silence to add additional names either silently or aloud.)* We pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector II: For what else or whom else shall we pray today? I invite you to add additional prayers either silently or aloud. *(Silence for private prayer)* We pray:
O God, have mercy.

Lector I: For all these prayers we have named aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts. We pray:
O God, have mercy.

The Peace

Presider: May the peace of Christ be with you always.
All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

The Peace *Presider II*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Lenten Opportunities

Adult Formation Series on Wednesdays

Centering Prayer

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer Walk

Lenten Retreat

Stations of the cross on Fridays

Racial and Social Justice Discussion Groups

Prayer to Honor Black History Month *Presider I or Guest from DRM*

Merciful God, you bring freedom to those who have been oppressed and enslaved. You are the liberator of your people. May we be a people who reflect your character and advocate for the liberation of people who are pushed down by the systemic injustice and prejudice. We thank you this month for leaders like Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr. May we follow their lead and fight for freedom at every turn. May we know the weight of our responsibility and the levity of your grace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory - He Was despised

G.F. Handel

Riley Wells, countertenor

Presentation *Presider I*

**All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, Eucharistic Prayer B

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

People : **Holy, holy, holy**

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." *(Pause for chimes)*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." *(Pause for chimes)*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

People: Amen. (Presider bows to the consecrated elements while three chimes sound)

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***People:* 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Directive from the Bishops of Michigan indicates that we are able to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist but not the consecrated wine. Therefore, we 'fast' from the consecrated bread and wine due to COVID virus risks and open ourselves to a spiritual communion until that time when we can receive the Eucharist as a community gathered around the 'Table of the Lord.' The Consecrated Bread and Wine will not be shared. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Presider: Christ whose table was open to all is now present in this bread and in this wine. He whose word welcomed friend and stranger offers himself to us.

Presider: Therefore, we pray:

People: O Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things and long for you in our hearts. Though we will fast from receiving you in this Eucharist until we gather again as a community, come spiritually into our hearts. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The consecrated bread and wine are taken to the sacristy at this time.

Prayer after Communion *Presider I*

Presider: Let us pray together:

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Lift Every Voice and Sing 136: I have decided to follow Jesus
All ministers remain in place for the hymn.

1 I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

2 Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.

3 The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.

The Blessing *Presider I*

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to us a contrite heart.
Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal us by his wounds.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,

Speak to us words of pardon and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God, +Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with us this day and forevermore we pray.

Amen.

Sending Forth *Presider II*

Presider: Let us go forth to love and serve God and all God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All will recess in the same order of procession during the postlude.

Postlude – Solemn Processional

Robert A. Harris

Music Note: Robert A Harris (b. 1938) has served as Director of Choral Studies at Michigan State University and Professor of Conducting and Director of Choral Organizations at Northwestern University. His "Solemn Processional" is his only organ work, and was published in the African-American Organ Music Anthology.

A Prayer for the End of the Pandemic

O God, hear the prayers of your people all over the world who are crying out in need for an end to the virus pandemic. Comfort those in isolation, those who have lost livelihoods, those who are sick and those who may die this day unloved or unattended. Comfort those in mourning, those for whom the virus has brought deep and utter sadness, families, villages, cities and countries. Give strength to those in the rescue and medical professions to keep them safe from harm as they work to bring safety and health to those in need. Give us all a greater sense of connectedness as we strive to be safe from harm and as we await the end of the suffering of millions of people throughout the world. Amen.

eNews:

Please refer to the St. Mark's eNews for information on Services, events and other activities found at www.stmarksgr.org or via email.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth in Lent: Please see eNews and Facebook.

Adult Formation Lenten Series 2021

Please, plan to join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a fascinating exploration of Scripture, artwork, poems, reflections and more on Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Join us from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. via Zoom. Session team leaders will be Catherine Frerichs, Wendy Wenner, Jan Gockerman, Jim Lozer and Christian Brocato. The Zoom link information can be found on Facebook and in eNews. Come! Make a Holy Lent! ~ Adult Formation Ministry

Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021

Thanks to all those who financially sustain our ministry together at St. Mark's with pledges and offerings. The total budget for 2021 is \$654,938, which requires an estimated \$12,595 income per week. We are very conscious of not worshipping together and thus not receiving more weekly contributions.

Last week, we received \$9,499 in pledges and offerings. That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

Total Weekly Contributions Needed: \$ 12,595
 Total Contributions Received this week: \$ 9,499
 Difference: \$ 3,096 (Shortfall)

Year to Date: Total Contributions Needed: \$ 100,760
 Total Contributions Received (Including 2021 Pre-Paid Pledges): \$ 177,408
 Difference: \$ 76,648

Thank you for maintaining your pledges and giving whether pledged or not.
 Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

The St. Mark's Prayer List

Prayers are requested:

Dorothy Auger
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 Mary Rollins Brother, Nephew and Sister-In- Law
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 Heidi Stoneman
 Phillip Thomas
 Jim Todd
 Tom West
 Helena and Ken Westrate
 Steve Wildeboer

Our inbound and semi-inbound parishioners:

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Prayer for Discernment
 Bea Rocco