



Welcome to St. Mark's Chapel

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday in Lent

Worship during Lent acknowledges the twofold reality of human frailty: of sin, our inclination to making choices that harm others or ourselves, our failures to love our neighbors as ourselves; and of our subjection to the natural evils of the planet we inhabit. Lenten worship implores divine forgiveness for sin and prays for grace to become more fully remade in the image of Christ, more effective instruments for making God's realm of love a present and future reality. The Great Litany, a solemn reminder of our need and our hope, begins the progression to the celebration of Easter forty days hence. It replaces the usual processional hymn, the Gloria or Kyrie, the Confession, the Prayers of the People, and the Agnus Dei. On the following Sundays of Lent the Kyrie or Trisagion replaces the anthem "Glory to God in the highest" of less penitential seasons, and the liturgy begins with the Penitential Order. Solemnity is the prevailing mood, with the praise-word "Alleluia" unspoken until it becomes the exclamation of Easter joy.

Prelude

"O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß"
("O People, bewail your great sins")

BWV 622 J. S. Bach

The Great Litany

BCP, p. 148

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

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.*

First Reading

[Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7](#)

THE LORD GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." . . . Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband,

who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

Response: **Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.**

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¹Happy are those whose transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Happy are those to whom God
imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no
deceit.

³While I kept silence, my body
wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was
heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the
heat of summer. *℟*

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to God,"
and you forgave the guilt of my
sin.

⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer
prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of
mighty waters shall not reach them.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you
preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of
deliverance. *℟*

⁸I will instruct you and teach you the
way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye
upon you.

⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule,
without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with
bit and bridle, else it will not stay
near you.

¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those
who trust in God.

¹¹Be glad in God and rejoice, O
righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright
in heart. *℟*

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

AS SIN CAME INTO the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing . . .

Celebrant and People sing

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Hymnal, S-130

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

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."

Loving God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and Congregation

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, ever Blessed; with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Mark our patron and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion *Everyone is welcome at God's table. Gluten free wafers are available—please indicate to the priest at the altar rail if you would like one. To receive a blessing, rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest as you stand before the priest.*

Anthem during Communion “Musikalische Exequien,” Opus 7 (excerpt) Heinrich Schütz

INTONATIO

(Tenor I) Nacket bin ich von Mutterleibe kommen,
Naked came I out of my mother's womb,

(Tenor I/II, Bass II)

nacket werde ich wiederum dahinfahren. Der Herr hat's gegeben, der Herr hat's genommen, der Name des Herren sie gelobet.

naked shall I return. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1:21)

(Tenor I)

Ich weiß, daß mein Erlöser lebt, und er wird mich hernach aus der Erden auferwecken, und werde darnach mit dieser meiner Haut umgeben werden und werde in meinem Fleisch Gott sehen.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall make me then stand up from the earth: and this my skin then shall cover my body and in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25-6)

(Alto)

Gehe hin, mein Volk, in deine Kammer und schließ die Tür nach dir zu! Verbirge dich einen kleinen Augenblick, bis der Zorn vorübergehe.

Go, my people into your chamber and shut the door behind you! Hide yourself for a little moment until the wrath has passed. (Isaiah 26:20)

(Bass I/II)

Unser Leben währet siebenzig Jahr, und wenn's hoch kömmt, so sind's achtzig Jahr, und wenn es köstlich gewesen ist, so ist es Müh und Arbeit gewesen.

We live for about seventy years. and at best for eighty years, and if it was delightful, it was trouble and labour. (Psalm 90:10a)

(Tenor I, Alto, Tenor II, Bass)

Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe, so frage ich nichts nach Himmel und Erden.

Wenn mir gleich Leib und Seele verschmacht', so bist du, Gott, allzeit meines Herzens Trost und mein Teil.

Lord, if I have but You, I ask neither for heaven nor earth. And when my body and soul are dying, You, God, are always the comfort of my heart and part of me. (Psalm 73:25-6)

Prayer after Communion, *celebrant and congregation praying together:*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer is offered by the Celebrant:

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that we your people may recognize our frailty and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

“A mighty fortress is our God”

Hymnal 688

Dismissal *Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. *Congregation* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Mit Fried Und Freud Ich Fahr Dahin”
 (“In Praise and Joy I Now Depart”)

J.S Bach, BWV 616

Announcements:

- Today's Last Sunday Offering benefits the Windham Region No Freeze Shelter.
- The Diaper Bank is currently in need of donations of diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6.
- The Rev'd Gary Sturni will be returning on March 5, 2023.

- The Finance Committee will be reconvened! Karla Fox has agreed to serve as the Chair. Please contact the office or Karla if you are interested in serving on the Finance Committee. This committee will assist in overseeing the financial reporting and decisions of St. Mark's. If you have experience or interest in finance, budgeting, or accounting this is the perfect way to serve your church! Thank you!

Many thanks to our Sunday Ministers

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Rite I, 8 am
 Eucharist with Ben Brockman
 Altar Guild: B. Rossiter
 Usher: S. Gagnon
 Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter
 Reader: B. Rossiter
 Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer
 Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10 am
 Eucharist with Ben Brockman
 Altar Guild - John Doiron
 Usher – Harry and Sudie Evageliou
 Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson
 Reader & Intercessor - Bruce Steinway
 Videographer -Madison Day
 Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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