

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



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Prelude *“Whoever Lets Our Dear God Reign”* **BWV 647 J.S. Bach**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn NCH #556 *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space; We, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you; Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, Facing us with life’s destruction or our most triumphant hour.
3. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us a new, Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor, well begun; Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [+]*one* God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

Gloria #109 v.1 VF "People of God"

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: **Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Scripture readings

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and

say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli aemulari*

Response Antiphon: *Vérne de la Peña, 1994*

God will give you the de-sires of your heart.

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

³Trust in God, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴Take delight in God, who will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to God; trust in God, and God will act. *R*

⁶God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the day at noon.

⁷Be still before God, and wait patiently; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.

⁹For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for God shall inherit the land. *R*

¹⁰Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

³⁹The salvation of the righteous is from God, who is their refuge in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰God helps them and rescues them; God rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in God. *R*

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if

anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

...Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, "Peace I give you;

my own peace I leave you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace of that heavenly city where you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you** (*The peace is shared while remaining in place*)

Offertory Hymn H’82 #674 “*Forgive our sins as we forgive*”

Let us pray. **Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory, that our
darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with
all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord”

WLP #858

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Song of the Wanderer”

Forrest

Postcommunion Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

Hymn H'82 #657 *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve Christ in your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL SCHOLAR CONCERT

8PM on February 23rd

Fundraising event

More information coming soon!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 2nd at 7PM