

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

“O help me, Lord, to praise thee”

J.S. Bach BWV 624

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, thou fount of every blessing,”

Hymnal 1982, 686

Sundays in Lent begin with portions of the Penitential Order from the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord ✠ who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The congregation kneels and remains kneeling through the Collect for the Day

CONFESSION OF SIN

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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.**

ABSOLUTION

THE KYRIE

Hymnal 1982, S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT *(in unison)*

***A*lmighty 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 People are seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God..

PSALM 95 (IN UNISON)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 5:1-11

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The People Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Hymnal 1982, 440: 1,2

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord 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 the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymnal 1982, 440: 3

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 open thou our ears and heart,
 help us by thy Spirit’s pleading.
 Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

THE SERMON *The People are seated*

The Rev’d Gary K. Sturni, D. Min.

THE NICENE CREED

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The People stand

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.

He came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became ✠ incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made 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 he is

worshiped and glorified. He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Subdeacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops Michael, Laura and Jeffrey, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the town of Storrs, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Zoma, Dolores, Janet, Rich, John Paul, Emanuela, and Peter, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope,
without suffering and without reproach, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion
protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Mark and of all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, and one another, and all
our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

THE PEACE (*All stand*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

“My faith looks up to thee”

Hymnal 1982, 691

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you

SANCTUS

Hymnal 1982, S-124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite
love you made us for yourself; and, when
we had fallen into sin and become subject to
evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our
human nature, to live and die as one of us, to
reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and
offered himself in obedience to your will, a
perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the
night he was handed over to suffering and
death, 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.” 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.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit ✠ to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at

the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for 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 FRACTION ANTHEM (Spoken)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal 1982, S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of GodThe 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.

ORGAN MEDITATION

“If thou but suffer God to guide thee”

J.S. Bach BWV 647

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,

And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought come move.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(In unison)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Celebrant)*

THE LENTEN SENTENCES: *During this season, the Lenten Sentence commend the people to a holy Lent. The Blessing, and the Alleluia, return on Easter.*

Celebrant: Let us bow down before the Lord. *(Silence is kept.)*

Grant Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence, through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Hymnal 1982, 690

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"We thank thee Lord Jesus Christ"

J.S. Bach BWV 623

Food Drive benefitting The Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the Narthex of St. Mark's Chapel any time through Easter. During this Lenten season, let's help our neighbors in need of food.

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers:

March 12, 2023

Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: S. DeWolf

Usher: S. Gagnon

Eucharistic Minister: S. DeWolf

Reader: M. Zimmer

Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon

Videographer D. Sykes

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron

Usher - Sudie Evageliou

Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson

Reader & Intercessor - Harry Evageliou

Videographer - Madison Day

Coffee Hour - Madison Day

Soup Kitchen – Art Engler