

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

"If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

J.S. Bach, BWV 647

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O love, how deep"

Hymnal 1982, 449

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

THE DECALOGUE

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Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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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 People are seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121 Response: My help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

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¹I lift up my eyes to the hills —
 from where will my help come?

⁵God is your keeper;
 God is your shade at your side.

²My help comes from God,
 who made heaven and earth.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.

³God will not let your foot be moved;
 God who keeps you will not
 slumber.

⁷God will keep you from all evil;
 God will keep your life.

⁴God who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep. *R*

⁸God will keep your going out and your
 coming in
 from this time on and forevermore. *R*

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

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

The People Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Thou, whose almighty word"

Hymnal 1982, 371: 1,2

1 Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal

life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Thou, whose almighty word"

Hymnal 1982, 371: 3,4

3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

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 FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Deacon: Let us come before God in this season of Lent, asking him for courage and grace to pursue his call to us, and to follow him, saying: In your mercy, Lord, Hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, in the quiet of our hearts, in Holy Scripture, in godly conversation with one another, help us to hear and receive your Holy Word. Let us not just hear, but also act, reaching out to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Help us to step forward with Abraham and all your saints to follow where you have led the way. In your mercy, Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, in Lent, as days lengthen and the earth springs to life, let us come alive in and to your Holy Spirit. We thank you for giving us birth in the waters of baptism, and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you.

In your mercy, Lord,

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, with Nicodemus let us draw near to your Son Jesus, frightened but fascinated by the Word of Life and Light. Lead us to affirm that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. In your mercy, Lord,

Hear our prayer.

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule on the earth, especially Joseph, our President, the Congress and the Supreme Court. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace, especially in Ukraine. Teach us to abandon violence and embrace the work of reconciliation. In your mercy, Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Give your holy angels charge over us, O God, and bring us who live in the wilderness of time from the waters of baptism into the garden of your great love, where we will no longer be in hunger, but filled with your life forever, through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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

“The God of Abraham praise”

Hymnal 1982, 401

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

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

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:

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)

Hymnal 1982, S-156

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM “Musikalische Exequien,” Opus 7 (excerpt) Heinrich Schütz

(Capella)(Choir)

Herr Gott, Vater im Himmel, erbarm dich über uns!

Lord God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us! (Kyrie eleison)

(Soprano I/II, Tenor I)

Christus ist mein Leben, Sterben ist mein Gewinn. Siehe, das ist Gottes Lamm,
das der Welt Sünde trägt.

Christ is my life and to die is gain. Look, this is the Lamb of God,
which carries the sin of the world. (Philippians 1:21, John 1:29b)

(Capella)(Choir)

Jesu Christe, Gottes Sohn erbarm dich über uns!

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us! (Christe eleison)

(Alto, Bass II)

Leben wir, so leben wir dem Herren; sterben wir, so sterben wir dem Herren; darum,
wir leben oder sterben so sind wir des Herren.

When we live, we live for the Lord; when we die, we die for the Lord: therefore,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)

(Capella)(Choir)

Herr Gott, Heiliger Geist erbarm dich über uns!

Lord God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us! (Kyrie eleison)

INTONATIO (Tenor I)

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab,

God loved the world so much, that he gave his begotten son,

(Soprano I/II, Alto, Tenor I/II, Bass II)

auf daß alle, die an ihn gläuben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

so that all who believed in him would not be lost, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

(Capella) (Choir)

Er sprach zu seinem lieben Sohn: die Zeit ist hie zu erbarmen;

fahr hin, mein's Herzens werthe Kron, und sei das Heil der Armen,

und hilf ihn' aus der Sünden Not, erwürg für sie den bitteren Tod und laß sie mit dir leben.

He spoke to his beloved Son: now is the time for mercy, go, my heart's worthy crown,

and be the salvation of the poor and help them from the distress of sin;

take upon yourself the bitterness of death and let them live with you. (Martin Luther, 1523)

(Soprano II, Tenor II)

Das Blut Jesu Christi, des Sohnes Gottes, machet uns rein von allen Sünden.

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7b)

(Capella)(Choir)

Durch ihn ist uns vergeben die Sünd, geschenkt das Leben.

Im Himmel soll'n wir haben, O Gott, wie große Gaben!

Through Him our sin is forgiven, our life restored. In heaven we shall have,

O God, what wondrous benefactions! (Ludwig Helmbold, 1575)

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 “*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*” Hymnal 1982, 635

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*” J.S. Bach, BWV 642

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers: March 5, 2023

Rite I, 8 am
Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden
Usher: J. DeWolf
Eucharistic Minister: D. Sykes
Reader: D. Sykes
Prayers of the People: S. DeWolf
Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am
Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher - Art Engler
Eucharistic Minister - Madison Day
Reader & Intercessor - Peter Kosciusko
Videographer - John Doiron
Coffee Hour - Madison Day