

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT: *In Lent the decoration of the church is suppressed, representing the seriousness of our repentance. All crosses are veiled and cushions removed. The vestments are purple for penitence. From the first Sunday on, the Eucharist begins with the Penitential Order. "Alleluia" is not said at any point, nor is the Gloria sung. The Sanctus bells are not rung.*

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### THE ENTRANCE RITE

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord ✠ who forgiveth all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endureth for ever.

*The congregation kneels or sits and remains kneeling through the Collect for the Day*

#### THE DECALOGUE

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*God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law**

*Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Honor thy father and thy mother.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt do no murder.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt not steal.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Thou shalt not covet.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

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*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Almighty and most merciful father,*

**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought**

**to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus**

our Lord; and grand, O most merciful  
Father, for his sake, that we may  
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and

sober life, to the glory of thy holy  
Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

KYRIE ELEISON

*Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**People: Christ have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And with thy spirit.** *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 thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People are seated*

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

**T**he 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 (*In unison*)

*Levavi oculos*

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*I lift up my eyes to the hills; \**  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will  
not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
\* shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right  
hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by  
day, \* nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve you from all  
evil; \* it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The LORD shall watch over your going  
out and your coming in, \* from this  
time forth for evermore.

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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

*Gospeler:* The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D Min.

THE NICENE CREED

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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 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

*Subdeacon:* 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.**

O Holy One with the pierced limbs and side, bind us to all who suffer. Look upon the sick, the oppressed, the dying. Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow. In your mercy, Lord,

### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . In your mercy, Lord.

### **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for . . . In your mercy, Lord.

### **Hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died, especially . . ., that God may give them eternal rest. In your mercy, Lord,

### **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

THE PEACE (*All stand*)

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*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.*

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is meet and right so to do.

**I**t is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer into ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

**A**ll glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

**F**or in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for

many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

**A**nd we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word ✠ and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his

death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and

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

**O**ur Father . . .

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### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

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

AGNUS DEI

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.*

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

### THE CONCLUDING RITE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.)*

**G**rant 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.**

## DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**FOOD DRIVE**

BENEFITTING  
THE COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN  
IN WILLIMANTIC

**DONATION**

Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the Narthex of St. Mark's Chapel anytime through Easter. During this Lenten season, let's help our neighbors in need of food.

**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

**March 12, 2023**

Rite I, 8 am  
Altar Guild: G. Morrow  
Usher: S. Gagnon  
Eucharistic Minister: J. Morrow  
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

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