

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning,
Sunday, February 25, 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

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)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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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.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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 thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalm 22:22-30 (*in unison*)

Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall
praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the
earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall
before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S
for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to
a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the

father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(The People stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

Gospellor The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

(The People are seated)

SERMON

The Rev’d Gary K. Sturni, D. Min.

(The People stand)

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

Leader: Let us pray for ourselves and those in need, saying:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the church, that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the great glory of the cross, we pray:

Have mercy, Lord.

For our world, that all living creatures may find blessing and goodness through our responsible stewardship of your creation, we pray:

Have mercy, Lord.

For ourselves, still marked by the ashes of Ash Wednesday, remembering that we are dust and unto dust we shall return, that we may seize upon the season of Lent as a time to return to God, the source of all life, we pray:

Have mercy, Lord.

For Joseph, our President, for Congress and the Supreme Court, for wisdom as they seek to lead us to

better times, we pray:

Have mercy, Lord.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops, and for all clergy we pray.

Have mercy, Lord.

For the sick and the suffering, especially Zoma, Dolores, Rich, John Paul, Emanuela, Wade, Neal, Karla, David, Art, Michael, Angela, David, Ben, Monique, David, Carrie, Jim, Arlene, and Angela _____.(pause), we pray.

Have mercy, Lord.

For those who have died, _____ (pause), we pray:

Have mercy, Lord.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant : The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The People may stand or kneel)

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 unto our Lord God. **People: It is meet and right so to do.**

IT IS very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and places, to give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore we praise thee, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of thy Name:

**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.

All 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.

For 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.

And 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, ourselves, 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 Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

(The People kneel as each is able)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Concluding collect *celebrant only*

(The People remain kneeling.)

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

Celebrant: 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Vestry is thrilled to announce that The Rev'd Phil Bjornberg will be the half-time Priest In Charge of St. Mark's, Storrs! Father Bjornberg will begin his time with us on Sunday, March 10th.

The Vestry is so grateful to the entire St. Mark's community, and our supply priests, The Reverends Gary Sturni, Ben Brockman and Bruce Steinway, for all the support and encouragement over the last 20 months. Thanks to you, St. Mark's continued our ministries faithfully to make sure we are loving God and our neighbors, as Jesus taught us to do.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

February 25, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: Barbara Rossiter

Usher: John DeWolf

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Rossiter

Reader: Barbara Rossiter

Prayers of the People: Sue DeWolf

Videographer: Dave Sykes

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 am

Altar Guild: John Doiron

Usher: Mark Healey

Eucharistic Minister: Barb Depray

Reader & Intercessor: Paula Weinman

Videographer: Madison Day

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St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel

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The Rev'd Gary Sturni

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Mar 10 - Holy Eucharist

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Mar 17 - Holy Eucharist

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