

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

"Jesu Christus, unser Heiland"

BWV 626, J.S. Bach

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 10

"New every morning"

Kedron

1 New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

2 New mercies, each returning day,
around us hover while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of
heaven.

3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.

5 The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves; a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

6 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE KYRIE S-91 (SUNG)

Willan

**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.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 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: 23-31

Deus, Deus meus

Refrain: O God, do not be far away; O God, do not be far away..

²³You who fear God, praise God!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify
God;

stand in awe of God,
all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For God did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
God did not hide God's face from
me, but heard when I cried to God.

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²⁵From you comes my praise in the
great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those
who fear God.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek God shall praise
God. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn to God;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to God,
and God rules over the nations. *R*

²⁹To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in
the earth bow down;
before God shall bow all who go
down to the dust, and I shall live
for God.

³⁰Posterity will serve God;
future generations will be told
about God,

³¹and proclaim God's deliverance to a
people yet unborn,
saying that God has done it. *R*

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 455, v 1-2 "O Love of God, how strong and true"

Dunedin

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 455, v 3-4 “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin

3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

SERMON

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

(The people stand)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, page 358

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 also with you.

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offering is taken during the hymn and brought forward at its conclusion.

OFFERTORY HYMN 292

“O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

Kingsfold

1. O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.

Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.

2. Lord, in their change, let frost and
heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Attemper fair with gentle air
the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:

3. that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

The offerings of bread and wine, symbolizing ourselves, and the collection plate, are offered in prayer by the Celebrant.

Blessed are you Lord God, King of the Universe....

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.

The Celebrant continues

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, 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 your Name:

SANCTUS S-129 *(sung)*

Powell

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

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have

brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, *Celebrant and People*:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting

***O*ur 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**

to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

THE FRACTION S-156 (SUNG)

Near

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

AGNUS DEI S-163(SUNG)

Powell

**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.**

Celebrant: 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.

ANTHEM AT HOLY COMMUNION “*Alas, and did my Savior bleed?*”

McDonald

Alas, and did my Savior bleed
and did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred
head for sinners such as I?
Was it crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!
But drops of grief can ne'er
repay the debt of love I own:

Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.
Well might the sun in darkness
hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker
died for man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing
face while Calv'ry's cross
appears,

Dissolve my heart in
thankfulness and melt my eyes to
tears.
But drops of grief can ne'er
repay the debt of love I owe:
Here Lord, I give myself away, all
that I can do.
'tis all that I can do, 'tis all that I
can do.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People kneel as each is able

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Celebrant alone*)

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 LENTON PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And bow down before the Lord.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the
blessing

RECESSIONAL HYMN 707

"Take my life, and let it be"

Hollingside

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Christ lag in Todesbanden"

BWV 625, J.S. Bach

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

Coffee Hour: Madison Day

Counters: Gale Morrow & Sue Gagnon

March 3, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: Sue DeWolf

Usher: Terry Bitwinski

Eucharistic Minister: David Sykes

Reader: David Sykes

Prayers of the People: Terry Bitwinski

Videographer: Jim Morrow

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 am

Altar Guild: John Doiron

Usher: Art Engler

Eucharistic Minister: John Hena

Reader & Intercessor: Mark Healey

Videographer: John Doiron

Coffee Hour: Barb Depray

Counters: Art Engler & Bruce Steinway

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