

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 2023

## THE THIRD 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*

### 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (*in unison*)

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**A***lmighty God,* who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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 Exodus.

Exodus 17:1-7

**F**rom 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."

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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*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.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Gary K. Sturni, D Min.

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**W**e 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

*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 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 Bishops Michael, Laura and Jeffrey, and for all the clergy and people, 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 seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, 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

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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 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 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 deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, 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.**

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 thee, O Lord our God**

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

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 Sentences 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.** 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

#### March 19, 2023

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

Rite II, 10am  
Altar Guild - John Doiron  
Usher - Madison Day  
Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson  
Reader & Intercessor - Paula Weinman  
Videographer - Madison Day  
Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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