

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

"My soul magnifies The Lord"

J.S. Bach BWV 648

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Thou, whose almighty word"

Hymnal 1982, 371

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

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

THE KYRIE

Hymnal 1982, S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us.	Christ, have mercy upon us.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

G*racious Father,* whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be
the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the first Book of Samuel.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23 (IN UNISON)

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; **

I shall not be in want.

*2 He makes me lie down in green pastures **

and leads me beside still waters.

*3 He revives my soul **

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; **

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

*6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

The People Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymnal 1982, 440: 1,2

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened

his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymnal 1982, 440: 3

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 open thou our ears and heart,
 help us by thy Spirit’s pleading.
 Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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

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 reasonable 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 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 you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

Hymnal 1982, 339

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 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:

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

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)

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.

ORGAN MEDITATION

“O Lamb of God, most stainless”

J.S. Bach BWV 618

O Lamb of God, most stainless!
Who on the Cross didst languish,
Patient through all Thy sorrows.
Though mocked amid Thine anguish;

Our sings Thou bearest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy upon us, O Jesu!
Grant us Thy peace today, O Jesu!

This paraphrase of the Agnus Dei gently hints at the suffering yet to fall on the lamb of God. Bach hides the chorale melody, in canon, between the alto and tenor voices. Our attention is drawn to the sighing motive that captures the humility and vulnerability of Christ on earth. We take comfort knowing that Christ is amongst us even if we are not aware of his presence.

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

"O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Hymnal 1982, 493

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"In thee Lord I have put my trust"

J.S. Bach BWV 640

- **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.
- **Easter Flowers** – Please see insert.

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers:

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