

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 26, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

"Where shall I flee?"

J.S. Bach BWV 646

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The God of Abraham praise"

Hymnal 1982, 401

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT *(in unison)*

***A*lmighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The People are seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

PSALM 130

RESPONSE: MY SOUL WAITS FOR GOD.

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O GOD.

2 O GOD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

3 If you, O GOD, should mark iniquities,
who could stand? **R**

4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

5 I wait for God; my soul waits, and
in God's word I hope;

6 My soul waits for God more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in God!
for with God there is steadfast love.

With God is great power to redeem;

8 It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **R**

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed

it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

The People Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Hymnal 1982, 635: 1

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up

quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

"If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

Hymnal 1982, 635: 2

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

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 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 you, O Lord our God.

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

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Hymnal 1982, 692

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)

Hymnal 1982, S-156

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Musikalische Exequien” Opus 7 (excerpt)

Heinrich Schütz

(Bass I/II)

Unser Leben währet siebenzig Jahr, und wenn's hoch kömmt, so sind's achtzig Jahr,
und wenn es köstlich gewesen ist, so ist es Müh und Arbeit gewesen.

We live for about seventy years. and at best for eighty years,
and if it was delightful, it was trouble and labour. (Psalm 90:10a)

(Capella)

Ach, wie elend ist unser Zeit allhier auf dieser Erden, gar bald der Mensch darniederleit,
wir müssen alle sterben, all hier in diesem Jammertal ist Müh und Arbeit überall,
auch wenn dir's wohl gelinget.

Ah, how wretched is our time here on earth. soon man lies down, as we all must die: Here, in this vale of
tears, is everywhere trouble and labour, even if you prosper. (Johannes Gigas, 1566)

(Tenor I)

Ich weiß, daß mein Erlöser lebt, und er wird mich hernach aus der Erden auferwecken,
und werde darnach mit dieser meiner Haut umgeben werden
und werde in meinem Fleisch Gott sehen.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall make me then stand up from the earth: and this my skin then
shall cover my body and in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25-6)

(Capella)

Weil du vom Tod erstanden bist, werd ich im Grab nicht bleiben,
mein höchster Trost dein Auffahrt ist, Todsfurcht kannst du vertreiben, denn wo du bist,
da komm ich hin, daß ich stets bei dir leb und bin, drum fahr ich hin mit Freuden.

Since You arose from death, I shall not remain in the grave, Your Ascension is my greatest comfort, You can drive away the fear of death, for where You are, I will go too, so that I may live and be with You forever, therefore I die with Joy. (Nikolaus Herman, 1560)

(Soprano I/II, Alto, Tenor I/II, Bass II)

Herr, ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn.

Lord, I won't let You go, except if You bless me. (Genesis, 32:27b)

(Capella)

Er sprach zu mir: Halt dich an mich, es soll dir itzt gelingen, ich geb mich selber ganz für dich, da will ich für dich ringen. Den Tod verschlingt das Leben mein, mein Unschuld trägt die Sünden dein, da bist du selig worden.

He said to me: Hold on to me, you will succeed; I give myself all for You, and I struggle for you. My life swallows up Death, my innocence bears your sins, and you found salvation. (Martin Luther, 1523)

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

"Holy Spirit, ever living"

Hymnal 1982, 511

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Jesus stood upon the cross"

J.S. Bach BWV 621