



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015

10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.

THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

RESTROOMS

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

COFFEE BAR

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

OUR SERVICES

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

JOINING

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

The ministers enter in silence.

HYMN 372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth forever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT The Third Sunday in Lent

BCP 167

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Exodus [20:1-17]

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your

mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19



Let the words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tion of my heart



be ac - cept - a - ble in your sight.

Antiphon: sung by choir

Antiphon: sung by all

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to
another.

3 Although they have no words or
language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

Antiphon: Sung by all

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

Antiphon: Sung by all

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant
enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Antiphon: Sung by all

SECOND LESSON A reading from I Corinthians [1:18-25]

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 455

O love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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BCP 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I

BCP 383

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCP 360

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Steal Away

Arr. Raymond Weidner

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. Green trees are bending. Poor sinner stands a-trembling, the trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long, to stay here. Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home.

380 (v 3) THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF ALMS

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise Him all crea-tures here be -

low; pssraise Him a-bove ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Hol - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- RITE I, PRAYER II

BCP 340

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

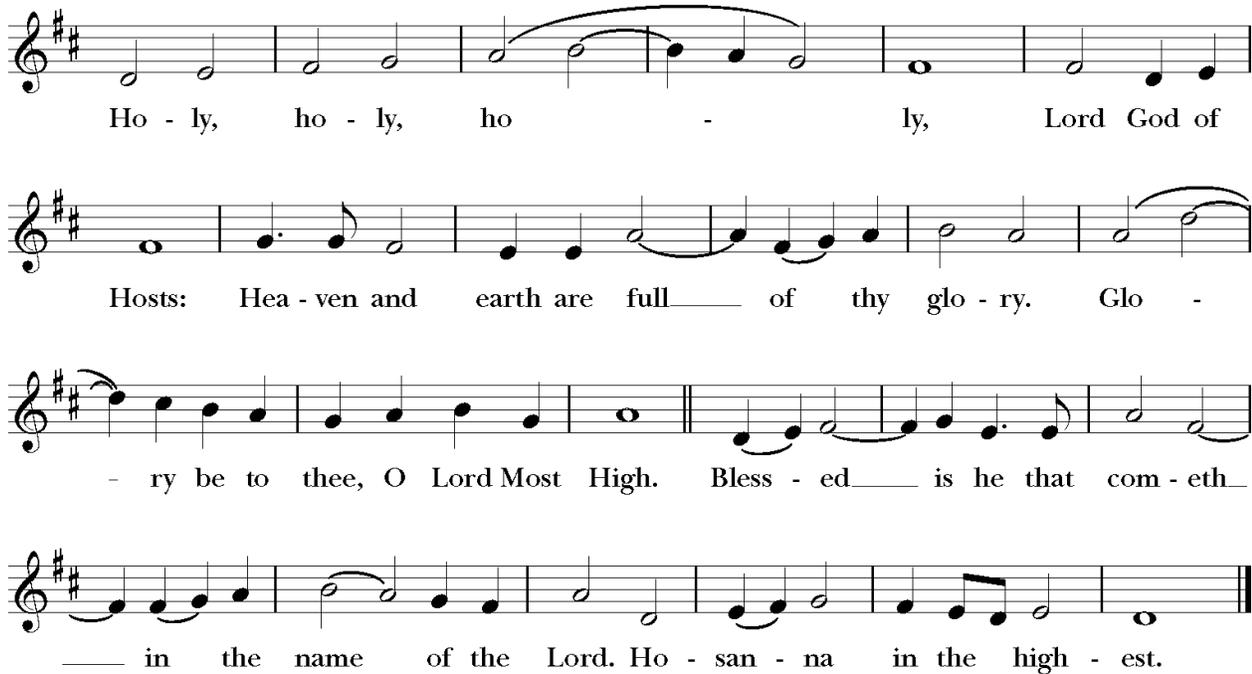
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

S 114 Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

**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

A period of silence is kept.

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

S 158 THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and people

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

HYMN 309

O food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

HYMN 676

There is a balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Almighty 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.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Grant Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weaknesses and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, self-denial, introspection, and repentance; it is a time when we remember Jesus' temptations in the desert and his ultimate sacrifice. At St. Mark's we replace the water in the Baptismal font with sand to remind us that Lent is a time of desert wandering. Many Christians choose to fast during Lent by giving up something, or taking on a spiritual practice. It is our prayer that whatever you do during Lent, it serves as a reminder of Christ's own temptation and eventual sacrifice, and will draw us closer to him.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Carroll Scroggin and Brandon Johnson

Lectors: Phillip Wells and Beth Smith

Intercessor: Katie Cole

Ushers: Erik and Donna Gilbert, Terry Barnett, Terry Gairhan

Vergers: Barbara Keller and Johnny Stayton

Acolytes: Maggie and Kailey Ferguson, Celeste Robinette, Emma Sairls

Eucharistic Visitor: Lise Cater

Greeters: Jim and Deb McInturff, Perry and Dana Moses

Children's Chapel: Katy Perkins

Vestry Counters: Blake Coe, Mike Engelken, Steve Thompson

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today** 11:30a Confirmation Class #3
5:00p EfM
5:30p Sensory Sensitive Mass
7:30p Compline
- Wed** 6:00p Christian Education
6:00p Confirm not Conform
6:15p Healing Eucharist
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Sat** 9:30 ECW Meeting
10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 7

SAVE THE DATE

- March 16 Vestry Meeting
March 18 Matthew Vines to speak at St. Mark's
March 19 Men's Club
March 23-27 Spring Break for Day School
March 29 Palm Sunday

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 3/10 Wes Westenrieder
3/10 Caitlin White
3/10 Nathan Lowe
3/11 Phillip Wells
3/13 Traci Lackey

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Last week St. Mark's collected 24 lbs. of food and \$17 for Helping Neighbors. Thank you!

Lenten Kitchen Tree In St. Martha's hall, you will see a tree decorated with items needed in the kitchen of the church. If for a Lenten gift, you could take one of the cards and provide what is listed, it would be most helpful. If you would place your donation under the tree, members of the ECW will put them away in the kitchen. The tree will be up until Easter Sunday. Thank you!!

Matthew Vines St. Mark's Episcopal Church is pleased to host Matthew Vines, author, activist, and president of The Reformation Project on **March 18, 6pm**. Matthew will speak about full inclusion and equality of the LGBTQ+ community in the Christian Church, answer questions, and sign copies of his book *God and the Gay Christian*. If you have ever suspected that a strict, conservative interpretation of Holy Scripture was not accurate concerning the issue of sexuality, then this event is for you. Matthew also talk about the June conference for The Atlanta Reformation Project.

This speaking event is free and open to the public. Check back on this event for further information. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Lisa Bowers Bohn at lisabohn@mac.com or 336.254.7187.

Easter Lilies and Helping Neighbors Donations for Easter Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex for you to use for Easter lily donations and gifts of money for the food pantry. Please use your check's memo line to indicate which you are donating. Thanks!

Treasurer Vacancy We are looking for a new treasurer since our current one is moving. If you are interested in volunteering to be our treasurer, please contact Steve Replogle at stephen.replogle@gmail.com.

Selma Sunday Vigil This is an open invitation to all who feel called to honor those who stood up for the human dignity and civil rights of each individual, no matter their race. It is also a time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their life, in Selma in March 1965, when persons of all faiths stood together for freedom and justice for us all. Can we do less?

Let Us Stand Together on March 8, 2015, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm (the time of the Pettus Bridge Crossing) at the Main Street Overpass. Assemble at the north end at corner of Johnson and Main. We will walk across overpass and carry signs/banners. Faith and community leaders will speak.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 03/01/15	\$ 6,887	\$ 52,891	\$321,170	Last Week 153
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>54,557</u>	<u>321,312</u>	2015 Average 147
Difference	\$ 709	\$ (1,666)	(\$ 142)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 5,473			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 11,396)		Loan Balance	\$ 173,070

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