# St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, CA

The Fourth Sunday in Lent; Year A "Laetare Sunday" March 22nd, 2020; 10:00 a.m. – Via Livestream

## Welcome to St. Mark's!

With its emphasis on the desert, repentance, and our own culpability for human sin and global suffering, Lent hardly seems a fitting sequel to the Epiphany, or its characteristic light, revelation, and knowledge. Yet such a sequel it is, bringing us face to face with the incompleteness of all our knowledge and the final failure of our skill, even while God continues to draw closer in Jesus Christ. That presence reveals all our lack, and burns away what is not true or good; but it is not finally destructive. Rather it completes what the Epiphany began, the revelation that God is in the business of drawing us past whatever final answer we might want to give, past whatever finality sin and death might claim, making us finally a part of his own deathless life. Wherever you find yourself this Lent, may you find Christ drawing near, to make you party to his own resurrection.

# Music in preparation for worship:

Psalm 23

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

**Opening Acclamation** (Isaiah 66:10-11)

Celebrant: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

People: Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

# The Collect of Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

# The Summary of Law

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.

**Kyrie** 

Celebrant:

People:
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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

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

# THE WORD OF GOD 1 Samuel 16:1-13

#### First Lesson

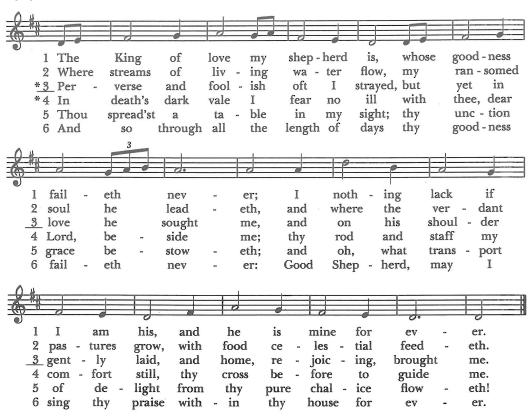
A reading from the first book of Samuel:

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# Hymn 645



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23

Music: St. Columba, Irish melody

## Second Lesson

## Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**

## John 9:1-41

¶The Gospel is introduced and the people respond with "Glory be to thee, O Lord."

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."

¶The Gospel concludes and the people respond with "Praise be to thee, O Christ."

#### The Nicene Creed

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.

who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

# **Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and

supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in

the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their

life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy

Sacraments. O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Leader: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present;

that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving

thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us. Leader: We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in

this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and

peace of the world. O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Leader: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing

in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy

bounty. O God, our savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Leader: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor; especially

and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or

any other adversity. O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Leader: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear;

especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Mark the evangelist, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

(Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here)

Leader: O God, our Savior:

People: Create a new spirit within us.

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers,

O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**.

## **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All: Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Maiesty.

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins

to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring

you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶The Celebrant may say the Comfortable Words.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music Quatrième Prélude François Couperin (1668-1733)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I BCP p. 333

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 unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: [...] 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**

All: 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 [...] By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**.

## Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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

## **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### **Aanus Dei**

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**Celebrant: O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.** 

# **Prayer of Humble Access**

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.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

# **Communion Hymn**



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Words: Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified Eleanor Hull (1860-19335) Music: Slane, Irish traditional melody harmonised by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

#### **Post-communion Prayer**

AII:

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.

# **Solemn Prayer over the People**

#### Dismissal

## The Rose Vestments

The Rose Vestments traditionally worn twice yearly on Advent III and Lent IV, have been donated by Paul Sporer and Nigel Renton. These two Sundays, called Gaudate and Laetare, respectively, offer a lightening of the seasonal disciplines.

The set was presented and blessed on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 1998.

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# The Liturgies of Holy Week:

Stay tuned, more details are to be determined.

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist – Livestreamed

Thursday, April 9th – Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with foot-washing, and Vigil - Livestreamed

Friday, April 10th – Good Friday

7:15 p.m., Music of the Passion; 7:30 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy - Livestreamed

Saturday, April 11th -The Great Vigil of Easter

7:30 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter - Livestreamed

Sunday, April 12th - Easter Day

10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist - Livestreamed

## St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

**In our Parish:** Communications Ministries – Bulletin, Weekly Lion, Facebook, Website, Parish Directory, Parish Database and the Parish Administrator

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

# We pray for peace and justice in the world:

- For an end to all prejudice and wrongful discrimination.
- For Earth; for the wisdom and commitment to care for it through our practices.
- For the people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, domestically and throughout the world.
- For those who find themselves homeless, hungry, and without proper resources.
- For refugees everywhere.

## We pray for those with illness or with other needs:

- Sean Aabers
- Bill Anderson
- Barbara Borsch
- Brian Brende
- Di un Dienue
- Paul Bridges
- Cain family
- Berny Cabral
- Betty Anne Campbell
- Roberta Cleveland
- Geoffrey Cook
- Michael Cook
- Emily Crowley
- The Rev'd Michael Dresbach
- Dale Evans
- Neil Fang
- Deborah and Murray Flagg
- Barbara Fuller
- Martha Greenough
- Susan Hedges

- Holly Herr
- Nathan Hohmann
- Betty Key
- Everett Kinney
- Gus Koerber
- Corrie Lassen
- Ben Lesser
- Louise Lindsay
- Joan Ludlam
- Tim Main
- Bob Mills
- Rita Minjares
- Judy Moore
- Bob Morgan
- Curtis Morgan
- Jean O'Meara
- Jim Pehling

- Peter Piccione
- Emeline Pineda
- Cindy Pierce
- Barbara Renton
- Eileen Rice
- Caroline Rone
- *Ianet Strothman*
- Teresa Vosper
- Alice Vest
- Jane Weidman
- Diane Whiteside
- Wilkinson Family
- Michael Willmore
- Fran Youtzy
- Jose and Kim
- *Ionathan*
- Sara
- Lynn and Drew
- Carroll and Frank

# We pray for those awaiting or recovering from surgery:

•Mark Harville •Michael Starkman •Logan Learned

# We pray for those who have died:

- •Lewis Brown •Jo Lynn Milardovich •Max von Sydow
- •The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris •The Rev'd Robert Brooks

To <u>add a name</u>, <u>change a listing</u>, or <u>share a date of importance</u> on the parish prayer list, fill out a pink request form in the north and South narthex, then give it to the Vestry Host **OR** email the Parish Administrator directly. Be sure to specify which list best suits the need. Please be mindful that this list is meant specifically for parish prayers. The list will be refreshed throughout the year.

#### WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### **Parish Announcements:**

**Updating the Parish Directory!** I know we have several newcomers and older members that we need to add or edit in the directory. Help our Parish Administrator by emailing her with your info you want published and a picture. There are copies of the current directory at the Vestry Connections Table, as well as an app for your phone. Just download, Instant Church Directory in your app store and find St. Mark's Berkeley. Be sure to use your email that is listed in the directory. For questions or help with this process, email office@stmarksberkeley.org.

# March 22<sup>nd</sup> InAsMuch – Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) Please send your checks to the parish office, since we will not be having services until April.

ACCFB is "a non-profit organization that supplies food to 275 Alameda County...agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, childcare and senior centers, and after-school programs; provides an emergency food helpline; teaches nutrition and hunger education; and conducts outreach about California's food stamps program CalFresh. Located in Oakland...the food bank distributes enough food for 3000,000 meals weekly, (with) almost 50% of the food supply consisting of fresh produce from California farms. ACCFB is a member of the California Association of Food Banks, Feeding America, and the California Hunger Action Coalition."

## **Music Announcements:**

From the Director of Music: Due to the most recent guidelines for congregations in response to COVID-19, the Easter Brass will need to canceled. Contributions already received are deeply appreciated and will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. I have contacted the players and informed them that the parish will engage their services for a future service and they are most appreciative of our support for them at this challenging time. In this way, we can honor our commitment to these fine musicians. Additional contributions will still be gratefully received or they can be given in the future. Your support and understanding is deeply appreciated as we navigate and live into our new reality.

You are cordially invited to attend the **Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series on May 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's, Berkeley.** Evensong will be offered at 3:00 p.m. by the St. Mark's Choir and followed by an organ recital featuring organist, **George H. Fergus.** 

Please note that there will be NO Evensong/Organ Recital in April.

Events This Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, March 22 The Fourth Sunday in Lent John 9:1-41

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I Live Streamed

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, March 25

The Annunciation

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 40:1-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29 The Fifth Sunday in Lent John 11:1-45

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I Live Streamed