

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022, 7:30pm

## Welcome to St. Mark's!

As Christians it is important that we tell the truth, starting with ourselves -- and that means refusing to live in self-denial about even the wrongs we have done. Always in the Christian life, but especially in Lent, we face up to our sins and acknowledge them without equivocation, because we know they are what keep us from loving God and one another as fully as we were created to do. Further, we know that our sins, individual and corporate, do real harm to others and inhibit both the quality of justice in our world and the fulfillment of human potential. So we confess our sins, make restitution where we can, and pray for the grace to amend our lives. In Christ's death and resurrection are the seeds of forgiveness and hope for us all, and the beginning of a new life free from sin and corruption, isolation and despair.



## Today's service music

*Missa Marialis*

Plainsong, Mode 1; Mass 9, "Cum iubilo"

adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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*☞ Silence is kept before and after today's service.*

## The Salutation & Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading** *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near--a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

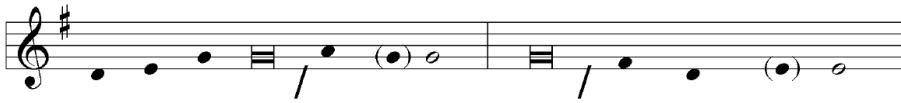
Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Lector:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           *Thanks be to God.*



- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy,\*  
slow to anger and of / great kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac/cuse us,\*  
nor will he keep his anger / for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according to / our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high a/bove the earth,\*  
so is his mercy great upon those / who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west,\*  
so far has he removed / our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children,\*  
so does the LORD care for those / who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof / we are made;\*  
he remembers that / we are but dust.

**Second Reading** 2 *Corinthians* 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *All stand to sing.*

**Hymn 140** Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun *Donne*

**The Gospel** *Matthew 6:1-6,16-21*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy Spirit.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Homily** *The Rev. Lizette Larson-Miller*

¶ *A brief silence follows the Homily.*

## The invitation to a holy Lent

*¶ All stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying*  
Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need, which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*¶ All kneel as they are able, and silence is kept for a time.*

*¶ The silence concludes and the Celebrant prays*  
Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## The imposition of ashes

**Antiphon** *Joel 2 and Esther 13*

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priest and Levites, the ministers of the Lord, weep, saying "Spare, O Lord, spare your people, and do not close the mouths of those who cry to you, O Lord our God."

*¶ Those desiring to receive the imposition of ashes come forward, following the choir.*

*Psalm 51 will be chanted by all.*

Psalm 51:1-18 *Miserere mei, Deus*



- 1 Have mer-cy upon me, O God, after thy great **good**-ness :  
according to the multitude of thy mercies  
do away mine **of**-fenc-es.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my **wick**-ed<sup>^</sup>ness :  
and cleanse **me** from<sup>^</sup>my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my **faults** :  
and my sin is ever **be**-fore me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned,  
and done that which is evil in thy **sight** :  
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and  
clear **when** thou<sup>^</sup>dost judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in **wick**-ed<sup>^</sup>ness :  
and in sin hath my mother **con**-ceiv<sup>^</sup>ed me.
- 6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward **parts** :  
and shalt make me to understand wis-**dom** se<sup>^</sup>cret-ly.
- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be **clean** :  
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-**ter** than snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and **glad**-ness :  
that the bones which thou hast bro-**ken** may<sup>^</sup>re-joice.
- 9 Turn thy face from my **sins** :  
and put out all **my** mis-deeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart, O **God** :  
and renew a right spirit **with**-in me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy **pre**-sence :  
and take not thy holy spi-**rit** from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of thy help a-**gain** :  
and stablish me with a **free** spi-rit.
- 13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the **wick**-ed :  
and sinners shall be convert-**ed** un<sup>^</sup>to thee.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,  
thou that art the God of my sal-**va**-tion :  
and my tongue shall sing of **thy** righ<sup>^</sup>teous-ness.

- 15 O Lord, open thou my **lips** :  
 and my mouth shall **show** forth<sup>^</sup>thy praise.  
 16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I **give** it :  
 but thou delightest not in **burnt** of<sup>^</sup>fer-ings.  
 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled **spi**-rit :  
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt **thou** not<sup>^</sup>des-pise.

*¶ All kneel for the Litany of Penitence*

### **Litany of Penitence**

- Celebrant: Most holy and merciful Father:  
 People: *We confess to thee and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*
- Celebrant: We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.  
 People: *Lord, have mercy on us.*
- Celebrant: We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.  
 People: *Lord, have mercy on us.*
- Celebrant: We confess to thee, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,  
 People: *We confess to thee, O Lord.*
- Celebrant: Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,  
 People: *We confess to thee, O Lord.*
- Celebrant: Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,  
 People: *We confess to thee, O Lord.*
- Celebrant: Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
 People: *We confess to thee, O Lord.*
- Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
 People: *We confess to thee, O Lord.*

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have  
done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and  
our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

Celebrant: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward  
our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt  
toward those who differ from us,  
People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

Celebrant: For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and  
our lack of concern for the generations to come,  
People: *Accept our repentance, O Lord.*

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;  
People: *Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.*

Celebrant: Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,  
People: *That we may show forth thy glory in the world.*

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of thy Son our Lord,  
People: *Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they  
may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given  
power and commandment to his ministers to declare and  
pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution  
and remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth  
all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe  
his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us  
true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may  
please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of  
our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last  
we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

¶ *All exchange a sign of Peace.*



## The Offertory

¶ *Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. Singing by the Choir and the Congregation completes the Offertory: here in this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.*

## Offertory Anthem

Hide not thou thy face

Richard Farrant (c.1530-1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,  
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure:  
for we confess our sins unto thee,  
and hide not our unrighteousness:  
for thy mercy sake, deliver us from all our sins.

¶ *All stand to sing.*

**Hymn 151** From deepest woe I cry to thee *Aus tiefer Not*

## The Sursum Corda S-112

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.*

*Here begins the  
Great Thanksgiving.  
Eucharistic Prayer  
I, Book of Common  
Prayer p. 333*

¶ *The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer with a preface recalling the season. Then, all join their voices with those of the whole host of heaven as they sing perpetually before the throne of God:*

...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 & Benedictus

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 - a in the high - est.

*¶ All remain standing, or kneel if desired.*

*¶ Here in the presence of God, the whole host of heaven, the Communion of Saints, and the gathered community of St. Mark's Church, the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer: recalling Christ's words of institution at the Last Supper the night before he died, and his passion, death, and resurrection; offering the bread and wine to become for us the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; praying for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the gifts we offer and we ourselves, to make us holy and consecrate our lives -- and life itself -- to the good purposes of God.*

*¶ Finally, the Celebrant offers the concluding doxology and the People join in the Great Amen:*

Celebrant:     [ . . . ] 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.

All:                AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*¶ All sing the Lord's Prayer*

### Our Father

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*¶ The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*¶ A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*All sing the Agnus Dei*

## Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - wav  
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.

*All say together the Prayer of Humble Access*

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 Celebrant invites the people to make their communions, saying:*

Celebrant: Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him that taketh away  
the sins of the world.

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

¶ *The Celebrant communicates the Altar party, then the Congregation and the Choir.*

¶ *All are welcome to come forward. To receive the Host, hold out one open palm in the other.  
(Gluten-free Hosts are always available; just alert the priest, who will extend the pyx for you  
to take one.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your  
arms over your chest. For the purposes of Covid safety, communion will be administered in  
one kind only, standing, at the head of the center aisle. Receive your Host and then move to  
one of the communion stations at the head of either side aisle before removing your mask and  
consuming your Host.*

### **Communion Motet**

Lay up for yourselves

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves do not break through and steal.  
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
-Matthew 6:20-21

**Hymn VF 82** Just as I am *Saffron Walden*

*¶ All stand to pray.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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.*

*¶ The Celebrant prays over the people.*

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace: that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

*¶ The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 142** Lord, who throughout these forty days *St. Flavian*

*¶ All depart in silence.*

### **Serving Today**

Celebrant	The Rev'd Blake Sawicky
Preacher	The Rev'd Lizette Larson-Miller
Organist & Choirmaster	George Anton Emblom
Verger	Kim Novak
Lectors	Joseph Lough, Barbara Gaffield
Livestream Technician	Phil Caruthers

### **Aaron**

*George Herbert, 1593-1633*

Holiness on the head,  
Light and perfections on the breast,  
Harmonious bells below, raising the dead  
To lead them unto life and rest:  
Thus are true Aarons drest.

Profaneness in my head,  
Defects and darkness in my breast,  
A noise of passions ringing me for dead  
Unto a place where is no rest:  
Poor priest, thus am I drest.

Only another head  
I have, another heart and breast,  
Another music, making live, not dead,  
Without whom I could have no rest:  
In him I am well drest.

Christ is my only head,  
My alone-only heart and breast,  
My only music, striking me ev'n dead,  
That to the old man I may rest,  
And be in him new-drest.

So, holy in my head,  
Perfect and light in my dear breast,  
My doctrine tun'd by Christ (who is not dead,  
But lives in me while I do rest),  
Come people; Aaron's drest.



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