

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022, 10:00am



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 part to his own resurrection.

Today's service music

Missa Marialis

Plainsong, Mode 1; Mass 9, "Cum jubilo"
adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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Music in preparation for worship

Melody

Myroslav Skoryk (1938-2020)

¶ A chime rings and all stand to sing.

Hymn 387 We sing of God, the mighty source *Magdalen College*

Opening Acclamation *(Ezekiel 36:26)*

Officiant: A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;

People: *I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

Collect for 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.

Summary of the 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

The musical score for the Kyrie is written on four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son.

e - le - i - son.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ All sit for the Lessons.

First Reading *Exodus 3:1-15*

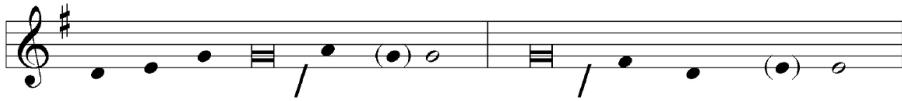
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm 63:1-8, *Deus, Deus meus* *Tone II.1*



1. O God, you are my God; eagerly I / seek you;*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is / no water.
2. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your / holy place,*
that I might behold your power and / your glory.
3. For your loving-kindness is better than / life itself;*
my lips / shall give you praise.
4. So will I bless you as long as I / live*
and lift up my hands / in your Name.
5. My soul is content, as with marrow and / fatness,*
and my mouth praises you / with joyful lips,
6. When I remember you up/on my bed,*
and meditate on you in the / night watches.
7. For you have been my / helper,*
and under the shadow of your wings / I will rejoice.
8. My soul / clings to you;*
your right / hand holds me fast.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Hymn 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee *Wer nur den Lieben Gott*

The Gospel *Luke 13:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy Spirit.*

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily *The Rev. Jim Stickney*

¶A brief silence follows the Homily.

Credo

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 together 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

Leader: 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 [_____ 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 _____, and those whose year's mind falls this week, _____], 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.*

[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]

Leader: O God, our Savior:

People: *Create a new spirit within us.*

Officiant: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession & Absolution

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

¶A brief silence is kept.

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 Majesty,
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 penitence 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 Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

¶ *All exchange a sign of Peace.*

¶ *Various announcements may be made.*

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.*

Anthem

Come, friends and relations *Early American, John Fenstermaker (b. 1942)*

Come, friends and relations, let's join hearts and hands; But, if you are wounded and bruised by the fall,
The voice of the turtle is heard in the land. Then up be your doing! For you he doth call;
Let's all walk together and follow the sound, And if you are tempted to doubt and despair,
And march to the place where redemption is found. Then come home to Jesus, redemption is there.

The place it is hidden, the place it is sealed, And you, my dear brethren, that love my dear Lord,
The place it is hidden till it is revealed; Have witness for pardon, through faith in his blood;
The place is in Jesus, to Jesus we'll go, Let patience attend you wherever you go,
And there find redemption from sorrow and woe. Your Saviour has purchased redemption for you.

That place it is hidden by reason of sin; -Anonymous, circa 1790.
Alas! You can't see the sad state you are in!
You're blind and polluted, in prison and pain,
O how can such rebels redemption obtain?

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Hymn 392 Come we that love the Lord *Vineyard Haven*

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

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 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.

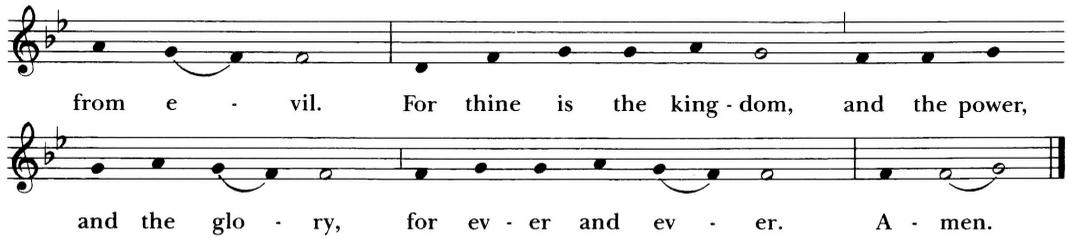
All: AMEN.

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.

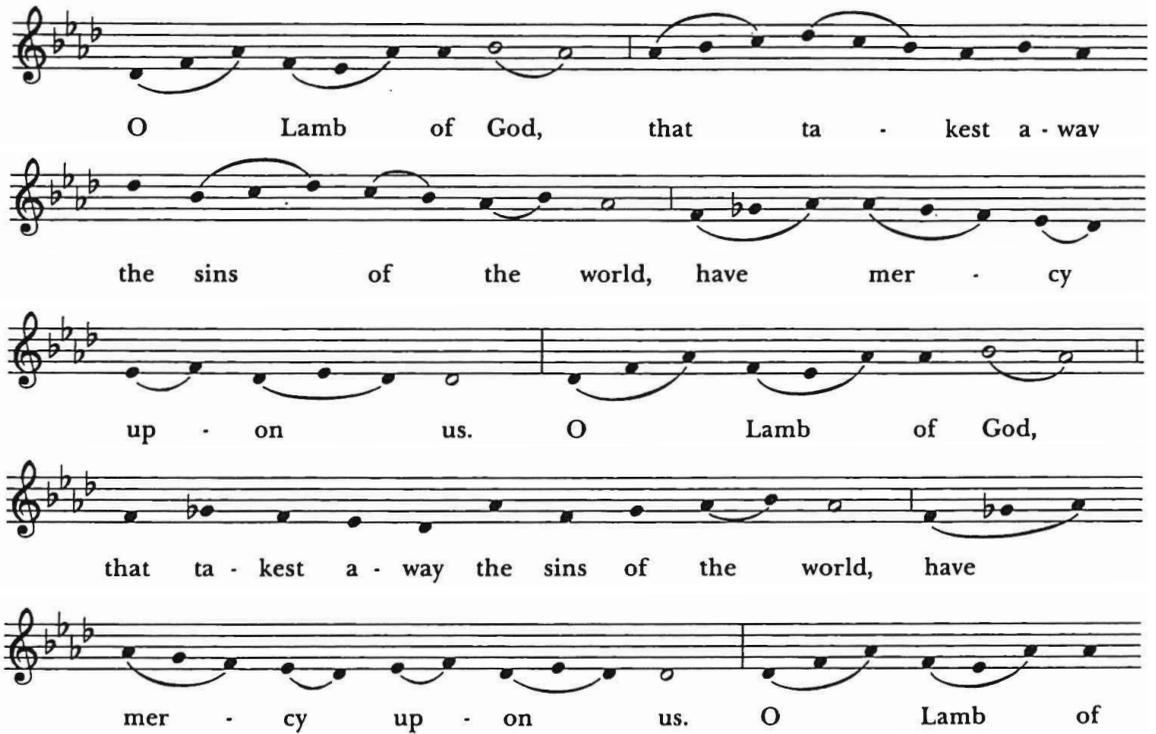
¶A period of silence is kept.

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 - 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 taketh away 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.*

Anthem O for a closer walk with God *C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)*
O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.
-William Cowper (1731-1800)

Hymn 685 Rock of Ages, cleft for me *Toplady*

¶ *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: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

Let us bless the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn WLP 753 When from bondage we are summoned *Grid*

Penitential Devotions *from Martin Warner, 'The Habit of Holiness,' Morehouse, 2004.*

Then I said 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Is. 6:5

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Mat. 11:28

Penitence should be a quality in Christian living that is unrestrained, joyful and life-changing. This quality will be evoked by a variety of experiences. Perhaps the most immediate will be the heart-stabbing pain of confronting our own responsibility for causing suffering, fear, and alienation. But, as Isaiah's vision reminds us, penitence is also a response to the vision of the majesty of God, together with the 'unwelcome fact of our presence in other people's histories' (Rowan Williams) that pinpoints sin in social structures and relationships.

In order to avoid the destructive impact of guilt (how easily we can become 'confident in self-despair', as Charles Wesley puts it) it is important that we allow Jesus to minister to us by lifting the burden of our self-containment and comfortable self-importance.

The devotions that follow are suitable for use in two situations. The first is routine, in the recognition of sin and forgiveness that should be part of the fabric of life. The second is particular: response to an event or situation in which you need to seek reconciliation. You may undertake that process through prayerful use of these devotions. They form the prelude to confession. In whatever form, penitence is the gateway to renewal in prayer and Christian action.

Self-examination: admitting that the fault is yours

There is no great mystery to making your confession. But it does require courage to tell the story -- your story -- of the repeatedly shameful, silly, damaging, and, occasionally, the seriously evil things that you have done.

The story is a conversation between you and God. The priest is there as your friend and God's minister. Although a priest is instrumental in bringing about the sacramental encounter, the business is yours. That is why it is 'sealed', so that the priest may never mention it again. Like you, the priest is also a penitent -- human, sinful, and dependent on the grace of forgiveness. And therefore never shocked, or judgemental: simply a common traveller to whom is entrusted the stewardship of speaking the word of God's forgiveness.

As you prepare what you want to confess, remember to be specific (no names, just facts), simple in the telling (don't dress it up), and brief (that's the advantage of a list -- you know when to stop!).

What are my sins? You sin by what you, and you alone intend to do, think or say, or deliberately refuse to do, think or say. You sin in relationship: with God, your family, your work, your neighbour (remember the story, ‘And who is my neighbor...’), and yourself.

How do I judge? The law of perfect charity is the standard God sets us. The conventions of the world often blur the demands of that law, and confession can be exploratory: ‘This doesn’t feel right, and I’m not sure; is it sinful, these days...’

Where do I begin? With prayer, some time alone, possibly some tears, a fair amount of silence, and the Bible. And a pen and paper. And God. And his response: But I love you.

And the results? Forgiveness is freedom. Your intention is to change, to avoid the pitfalls and enjoy the freedom. It calls for a celebration.

Some Scriptural references to help in a self-examination:

The sin and repentance of King David:	2 Samuel 12:1-15
The preaching of Jonah:	Jonah 3, 4
The Beatitudes, standards of Christian living:	Matthew 5:1-12
The Gerasene madman:	Mark 5:1-20.
The woman who loved much:	Luke 7:36-50
The woman taken in adultery:	John 8:3-11
The parable of the prodigal son:	Luke 15:11-32
The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector:	Luke 18:9-14
The parable of the unforgiving debtor:	Matthew 18:23-35
The parable of the two sons:	Matthew 21:28-32
Forgiveness at the cross:	Luke 23:33-43

A prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, pour your bright beams into my soul, that I may discern my sins as clearly as I shall see them when I stand before the judgement seat of Christ. You are our guide to lead us into all truth; show me the truth about myself. Teach me my sins and the state of my life in your sight. Show me how often and to what extent I have offended you, the wrong I have done to my neighbor and myself, and all my sins of omission. Let nothing hinder me from the confession of my faults [before the minister commissioned to act in your name], and so grant me access to the well-spring of forgiveness and new life. Amen.

Serving Today

Celebrant	The Rev'd Blake Sawicky
Preacher	The Rev'd Jim Stickney
Organist & Choirmaster	George Emblom
Verger	Kim Novak
Lectors	Walter Hauck, Judith Berling
Bidder	Iris Commins
Vestry Host	Heather Readhead
Livestream Technician	TBD
Flower Guild	Betsy Hada

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

New to St. Mark's? We're glad you joined us! Keep in touch and find out more about parish happenings by signing up for our weekly newsletter. Just following the QR code in the margin.



*Sign up for
the weekly 'Lion'
newsletter.*

Liturgy Reading Group

The liturgy and theology book study group is beginning again. We have decided on a new and highly regarded introduction to Eastern Christian liturgies reflecting both on their rites and their theologies (Introduction to Eastern Christian Liturgies by Stefanos Alexopoulos and Maxwell E. Johnson, Liturgical Press 2022) We will try and find a time to meet (either weekly or bi-monthly) and cover a chapter each time (7 meetings total). If you are interested and/or want to know more, please contact Mthr Lizette (RevLizette@aol.com).

Spoken Word Play Reading, March 27, 2-4pm

On Sunday March 27, 2:00 – 4:00 in the Library, the Spoken Word Committee will present a reading of Matthew Hurt's "The Man Jesus." Inspired by the gospel of Luke, Hurt imagines how the various people who encountered Jesus responded to the man. The play ends after the crucifixion (no resurrection). Hurt's powerful and deeply human examination of the characters in the gospel (we never meet Jesus himself) invites us to imagine how we might have responded to the man Jesus. Please join Walter Hauck and Judith Berling for this performance.

InAsMuch Offering for March:

Alameda County Community Food Bank

This month the InAsMuch offering is dedicated to the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB). As described in Wikipedia, ACCFB is “a non-profit organization that supplies food to 275 Alameda County agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, child-care 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 300,000 meals weekly, (with) almost 50% of the food supply consisting of fresh produce from California farms.” To donate, make checks out to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (with Inasmuch on the memo line) and drop in the offering plate, mail it to the Parish Office, or make an online donation [here](#) (or follow the QR code in the margin). Thank you for your generosity! *The Social Justice Committee*



St. Mark's online giving page. Pay a pledge, give to Inasmuch, make a special donation, or other.

Organ Recital, April 10, following evensong: Terry Farrow

Terry earned his bachelor’s degree in organ at the University of Illinois where he was a student of the late Jerald Hamilton. He went on to earn a master’s degree in organ at Eastman School of Music as a student of the late Russell Saunders. After music school he became interested in musical theater and moved to New York City where he was a keyboardist and/or conductor in the orchestra pit for several Broadway shows and national touring companies. During the New York years he became involved in AIDS activism which led him to returning to school to earn his M.D. degree at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University (SUNY) in New York, and he completed residency in internal medicine at Bellevue Hospital. After practicing in New York City and San Francisco, he joined Gilead Sciences where he is currently a senior director in drug safety, working in HIV drug development. He is currently the interim music director at Transfiguration Church in San Mateo.

Save the Dates:

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| Saturday, April 2 | Sacred Ground final session
<i>in person on Lion's Hall Patio</i> |
| Saturday, June 4 | Bishop's Ranch, 75th Anniversary Picnic
<i>Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg CA</i> |

This Week at St. Mark's

Sun	March 20	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>		
	8:00am	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	<i>Exodus 3:1-15;</i> <i>Psalm 63:1-8</i> <i>1 Cor. 10:1-13;</i> <i>Luke 13:1-9</i>
	10:00am	Choral Eucharist	Church	
	after church	Coffee hour	Patio	
Mon	March 21	<i>feria</i>		
Tue	March 22	<i>feria</i>		
	7:00pm	Meditation & Compline	Zoom	
Wed	March 23	<i>feria</i>		
	12:00pm	Office Hours with Fr. Blake	Zoom	
	12:10pm	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	
	5:00pm	Bridge Group	Lion's Hall	
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall	
Thurs	March 24	<i>Oscar Romero (d. 1980)</i>		
Fri	March 25	<i>THE ANNUNCIATION</i>		
	11:30am	Meditation	Chapel	
	12:10pm	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	
Sat	March 26	<i>feria</i>		
Sun	March 27	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>		
	8:00am	Holy Eucharist	Chapel	<i>Joshua 5:9-12;</i> <i>Psalm 32;</i> <i>2 Cor. 5:16-21;</i> <i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>
	10:00am	Choral Eucharist	Church	
	after church	Coffee hour	Patio	
	2:00pm	Play Reading "The Man Jesus" Library		

St. Mark's Parish Prayer List

In our prayers this week we remember before God: our own particular intentions, all who have commended themselves to our prayers, and all for whom St. Mark's is committed to pray:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

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, or without resources; For refugees everywhere.

For those with illness or other needs:

<i>Bill Anderson</i>	<i>Andrew Howarth</i>	<i>Peter Piccione</i>	<i>Michael Willmore</i>
<i>Cain Family</i>	<i>Leonard Johnson</i>	<i>Emeline Pineda</i>	<i>Wendy Wisely</i>
<i>Geoffrey Cook</i>	<i>Everett Kinney</i>	<i>Lynn Poland</i>	<i>Jose & Kim</i>
<i>Michael Cook</i>	<i>Gus Koerber</i>	<i>Barbara Renton</i>	<i>Barbara</i>
<i>Emily Crowley</i>	<i>The Rev'd Corrie</i>	<i>Caroline Rone</i>	<i>Laird</i>
<i>Margaret Deeths</i>	<i>Lassen</i>	<i>Lisa Rowe</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Nancy Ditzler</i>	<i>Geoff Logan</i>	<i>Virginia Ruff</i>	<i>Mason</i>
<i>Tristan Donato</i>	<i>Ben Lesser</i>	<i>Kimberly Steil</i>	<i>Casey</i>
<i>Wren Donato</i>	<i>Neil McGraw</i>	<i>Doris Strakosch</i>	<i>James Dickey & Family</i>
<i>The Rev'd Michael</i>	<i>Tim Main</i>	<i>Dee Strange</i>	<i>Juliana</i>
<i>Dresbach</i>	<i>Karin Milliman</i>	<i>Drew & Lydia Tweedale</i>	<i>Bill M</i>
<i>Elizabeth Falk</i>	<i>Bob Mills</i>	<i>Teresa Vosper</i>	<i>Les Novak</i>
<i>Ronald Greene</i>	<i>Chris, Alice, Ethan, &</i>	<i>Alice Vest</i>	<i>Kathy</i>
<i>Martha Greenough</i>	<i>Hailey Moore</i>	<i>Wayne Weng</i>	<i>Rob</i>
<i>Haverty Family</i>	<i>Judy Moore</i>	<i>Diane Whiteside</i>	<i>Margo Wesley</i>
<i>Holly Herr</i>	<i>Alda Morgan</i>	<i>Jean Widaman</i>	
<i>Janice Hiles</i>	<i>Virginia Muller</i>	<i>Wilkinson Family</i>	
<i>Diana Hilliard</i>	<i>Jim Pehling</i>	<i>Jamey Williams</i>	

For the repose of those who have died:

Louis Weil, priest; Joseph Hansen; Paul Libanti; James McGregor

For those whose year's mind falls this week:

✠ March 20: *Ralph L. Haskins, 1973.* ✠ March 22: *Harold Boynton James, 1963; Martha Isabel Chenery, 1991; LaRue Kemp Weil, 1999.* ✠ March 23: *Hughes W. Adele, 1964; Lawrence Lewis, 1970.* ✠ March 24: *Kathryn Freistaat, 1978.* ✠ March 25: *Patricia Mary Wiseman, 2007.*



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