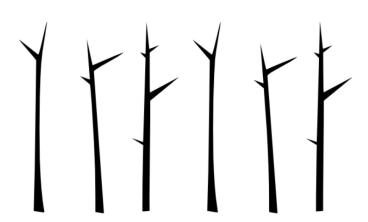
# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A CAPITOL HILL

#### ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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**Hearing** – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgment mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward for meaningful, mutual healing.

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#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

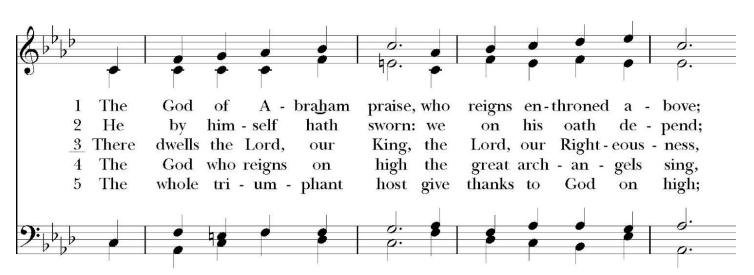
PRELUDE Intrada on Leoni

arr. Pamela Decker (b. 1955)

The people stand as able.

#### **OPENING HYMN** 401 The God of Abraham praise

Leoni





#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

We, like Christ, spend forty days in the wilderness. Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

#### THE COLLECT

Together let us pray.

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of brokenness, and through the life, death, and teachings of your Son, bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people sit.

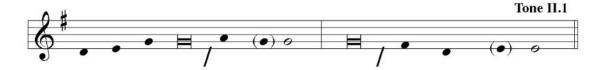
#### THE FIRST READING Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Thanks be to God.

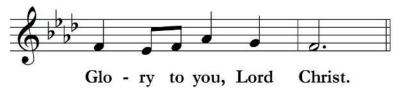
#### All Sing.



- 22 Praise the LORD, you that / fear him;\* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, / give glory.
- For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his / face from them;\*
  but when they cry to him / he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;\*
  I will perform my vows
  in the presence of those / who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him:\*
  "May your heart live / for ever!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD;\* and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD;\* he rules over / the nations.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;\* all who go down to the dust fall / before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;\* they shall be known as the LORD's / for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn\* the saving deeds / that he has done.

#### THE GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.



Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Jesus.



#### **SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

#### **AFFIRMATION**

Let us pray together:

We believe in God the Creator,

by whom every person in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to the Eternal One for the courage to give up other things and to give ourselves in service to Christ.

Silence is kept for a time.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world.

May the wounds of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness, and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and all the other places destroyed by human want.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. We pray for this country, this district, and all places where justice does not rain down.

May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to the sick.

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice we hold close those who have died this week.

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Eternal One, Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Please add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Together let us pray:

Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION**

Let us together, in honesty, confess our brokenness.

A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.

Together:

Forgiving God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION & THE PEACE**

Hear the words of comfort Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace. And peace be with you.

#### VESTRY GREETING

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### WELCOME

#### **ELECTRONIC OFFERING**

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.



Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code. Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Offer to the Holy One a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

(Psalm 50:14)

#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Thy perfect love

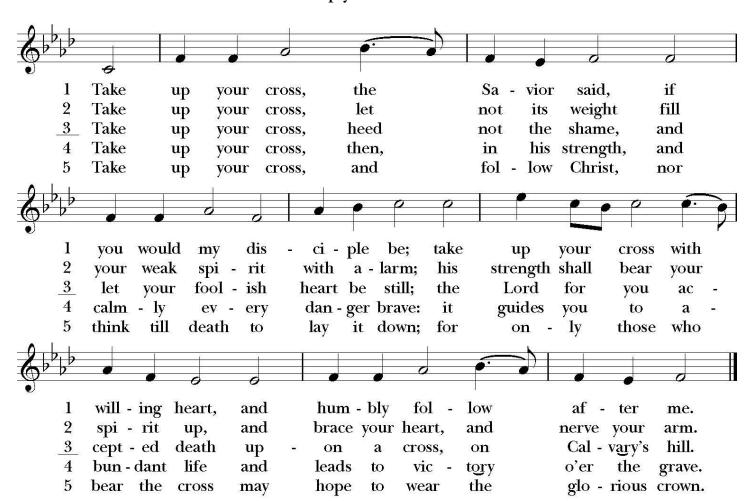
John Rutter

#### Charmian Crawford, soloist; Chancel Choir

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all thinge best,
And wounde my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

#### PRESENTATION HYMN 675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

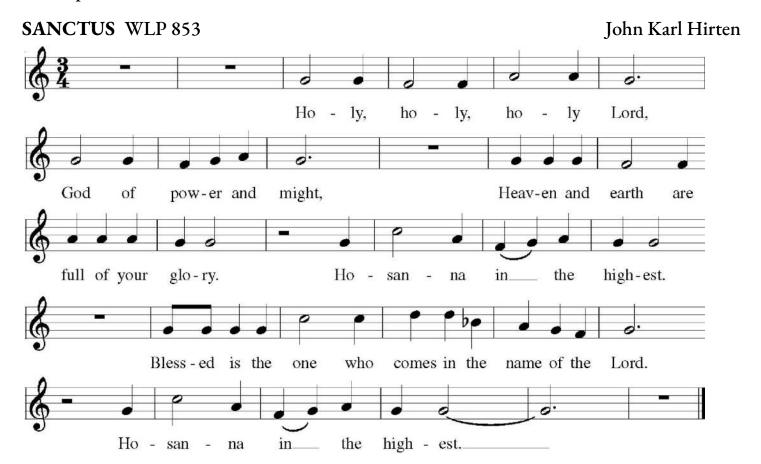
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, desert Mother, for in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of flesh quickened by the Spirit's breath.

We thank you, wise Sister, that you walk in cloud and fire with your lost and faithless people. We thank you, Son of Heaven, that you empty yourself of might and glory and set your face toward the fickle crowd, the cruel empire, the faithful despisers.

We welcome you as God's own fool whose cross brings to nothing the violence of the world and reveals another wisdom outside the city walls.

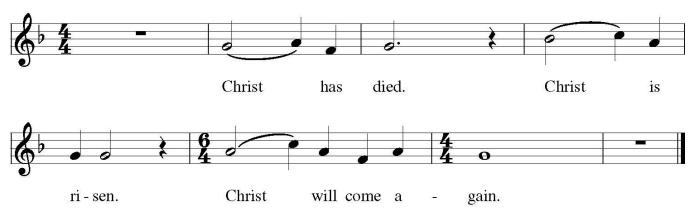
Therefore, with all who follow your way, with the traders and tax collectors, the soldiers and prostitutes, and all who caught a glimpse of glory in the humanity you shared, we worship God's own holiness revealed in sweat and tears:



We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond our capacity to fully understand.

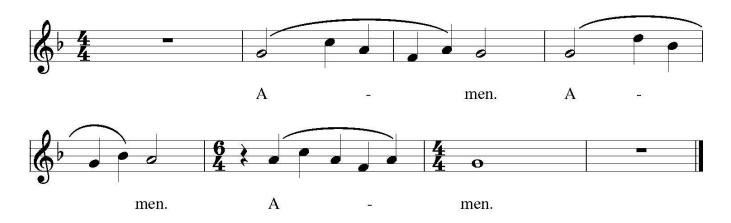
Great is the mystery of faith.



Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you, asking you to look upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ, the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and forever.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;

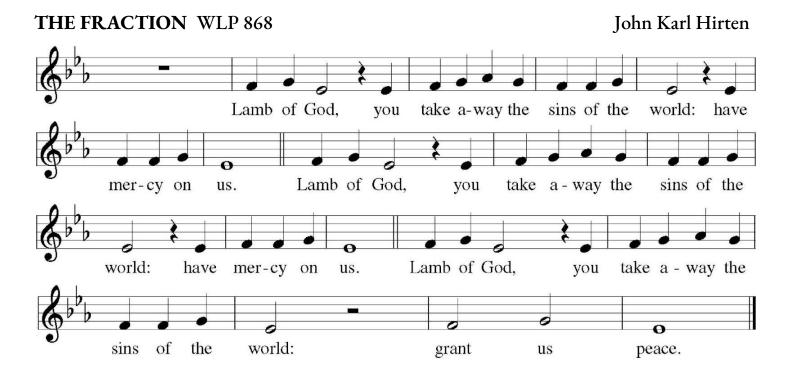
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and this bread and wine as God's food for all. Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or do not believe, all are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

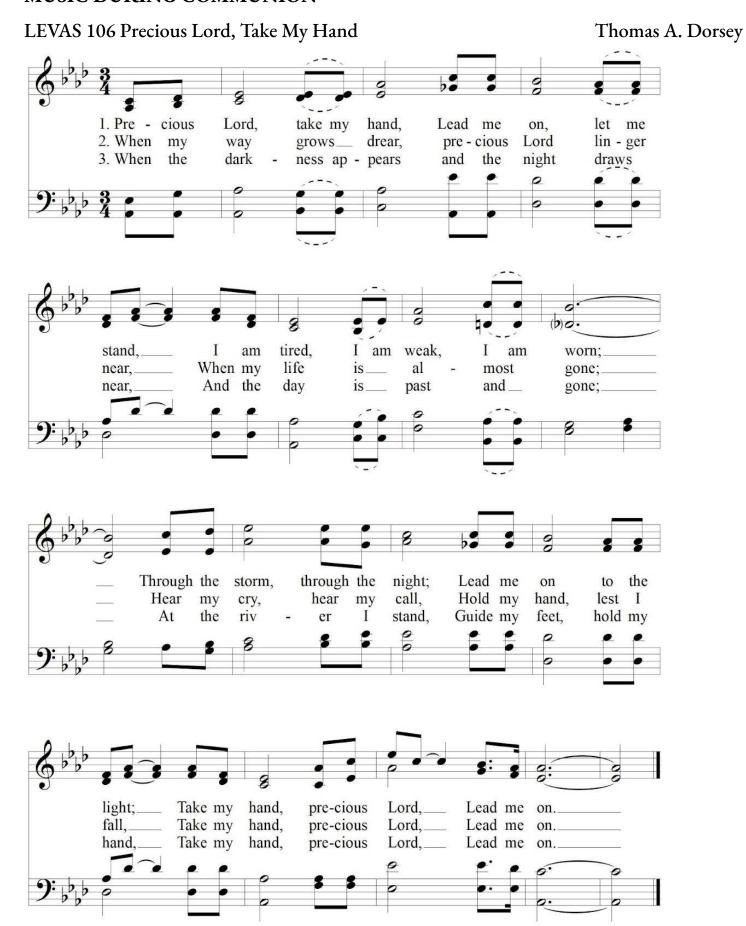
#### THE COMMUNION

St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

You will be offered bread and invited to drink from the common cup. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

We offer Laying on of Hands in the chapel on the first and third Sunday of the month. On those Sundays, you may receive communion and go to the chapel to have prayers.

#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

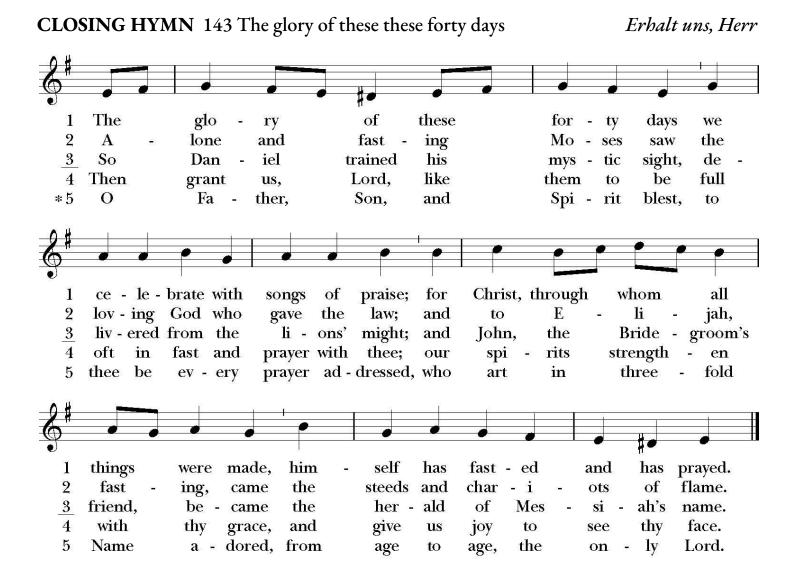




#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Lord of this feast beyond measure and price: we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost: liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.



#### THE BLESSING

May our wilderness bear no terror for us, only truth. May our truth never break us, only make bold our strength. May we, in our strength, seek not to sustain only ourselves but make swift our service to others. And may the blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – shine in us and through us, this day and always. **Amen.** 

#### **DISMISSAL**

In this season of contemplation, let us move into a world In which we bring all of ourselves.

Go in peace to love and serve God.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Four Variations on *Erhalt uns Herr* 

Benjamin Cornelius-Bates (b. 1978)

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#### Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you!

For more information, contact our Rector Michele Morgan, Michele@stmarks.net

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From the Altar Guild and Acolytes: You will notice changes for Lent. Besides the purple hangings, the broken mirror cross, and purple veils on all our crosses (the color of penitence, a tradition in the Episcopal church), our silver and brass have been put away and replaced with pottery pieces, a set belonging to Michele. The offertory plates are wood as are the candlesticks on the altar and the large silver alms basin has been replaced with a basket. The acolytes are carrying the wood Meade-Mahany processional cross and wearing wood crosses instead of their usual silver. This change gives us a chance to think more simply about worship and its accounterments.

The Broken Mirror Cross, which hangs above the altar in Lent, is an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives. It was designed and made by Joya Cox.

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If you have questions, or want to attend, contact the Vestry Clerk at clerk@stmarks.net.

#### Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington St. David's Church, DCr Anglican Communion
Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

#### Parish Prayer List

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David Kern (Robin Kern's husband and Kenn Allen's brother-in-law) Katherine Ebert (past admin of St. Mark)

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Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

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We'd like to get to know you better!



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We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can. After completing, please remove this page and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.

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