

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024 Rite 2 Year B

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220 804-358-4771 stmarksrva.org "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencton – meaning "spring" or "lengthening" from the time of year when the days grow long. The season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday through Easter Day), covering 40 days (excluding Sundays which are little feasts of the Resurrection). In the early church, Lent was the time of preparation for the Easter baptism, our sacrament of initiation into the Body of Christ. Persons were to receive the sacrament of "new birth" following a period of fasting, penitence and preparation.

--Sharon Pearson

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

(1) The Liturgy of the Word

- The Gathering Rite

- The Lessons & Sermon

- The Creed

- The Intercessions and Confession

- The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory

- The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread

- Holy Communion

- The Post-Communion Prayer

- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

(Please stand as you are able)



Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins All: God's mercy endures for ever. AMEN.

Sentence

Presider: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

-Mark 12:29-31

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

(Please kneel if you are able)

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

The Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Kyrie Eleison (First time: Cantor, Second time: Congregation and Choir)

Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.



The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

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

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Numbers

Numbers 21:4-9

Jim Contner

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

Jim Contner

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)





The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

The Gospel John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Penny Adams

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark and Gayle our Bishops; for the congregations and clergy of St. Francis, Great Falls, and St. George's, Fredericksburg; for all our staff, Vestry and Ministry Teams.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Have mercy on all victims of war and oppression. Help us to heal the brokenness caused by the sin of racism and to hear the Holy Spirit as she leads us in our response.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Brenda, Juno, Orie, and Rob, and those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Fred, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Versann, Candace, Jerome, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra, Ceily, Wanda, the Hardison and Strite family, Lauren, Wayne, Clair, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, Henry, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *All:* Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.) (Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

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SCAN ME TO DONATE

(Remain seated)

Offertory

God so loved the world

Text: John 3:16

Music: Bob Chilcott

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

The 8th Tune

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

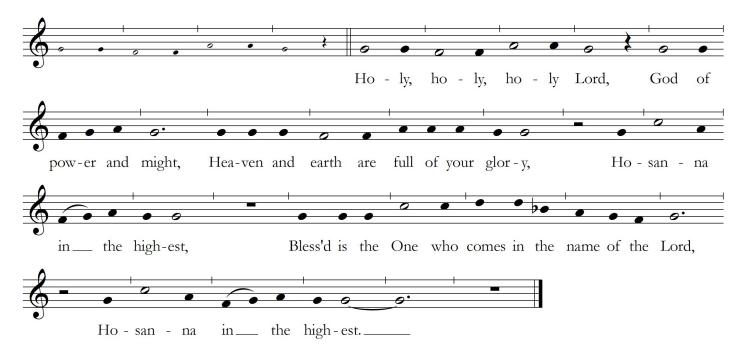
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hirten



(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, 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,

forever and ever. AMEN.

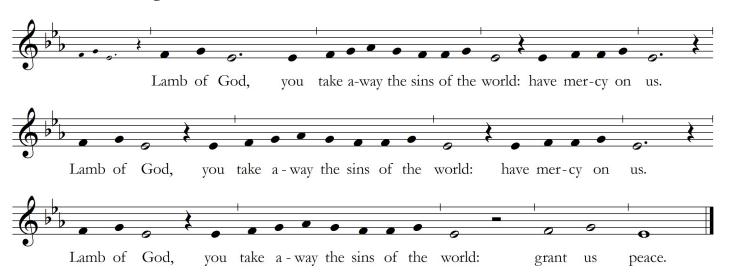
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: ALL are welcome to share in Communion.

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher and the clergy will bring communion to you.



Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Solemn Prayer Over the People

Presider: Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our extended family and friends: Versann Delva, Candace Franco, Jerome Manigault, Lee Hyden, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra Pone, Ceily Poh, Wanda Ferguson, the Hardison and Strite family, Lauren Contner, Malynda Irby, Wayne Purintun, Clair Schreck, Ginny Jones, Debbie Kaufman, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca Constance, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry Land, Will, Robin, Denise Early, Gloria Wiley, Henry Pegram, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Brenda Sargent, Juno Taffs, Orie Bullard, and Rob McTier.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Those who have died:

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> Pray for the congregations and clergy of St. Francis, Great Falls, and St. George's, Fredericksburg.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the "Welcome" card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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