

SAINT MARK'S

Order of Service

March 23, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Saint Mark's. Whether this is your first visit or you are a member of long standing, it is a joy to have you join in worship this morning.

If this is your first visit, please take a moment and fill out an information card. You can put the bottom portion in the offering plate.

The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians to receive communion. If receiving communion makes you uncomfortable, please come forward at communion time and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Children's Formation gathers in the downstairs Children's Formation area before the 10:30 service. Children will return around the time of the Peace. Children's Formation does not meet on the first Sunday of the month.

Bathrooms are located in the back of the church, next to the chapel.

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.
Kindly silence all mobile devices.

The Word of God

VOLUNTARY

Petit Canon

Nadia Boulanger (1887–1979)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372 *(standing, sung by all)*

“Praise to the living God!”

Leoni

Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann

harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1875)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*Celebrant
People*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures forever.

BCP (Book of Common Prayer), p. 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (HYMNAL S-86) *(standing, sung by all)*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. 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.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 3:1-15 *(seated)*

Reader The Spirit is speaking.

People **God's people are listening.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8 (Margaret Wells, *cantor*)

Plainsong, Mode 8

The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all, then sung by all following verses 2, 4, 6, and 8.



O God, you are my God; ea - ger - ly I seek you.

- 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. **ANTIPHON**
- 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. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. **ANTIPHON**
- 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. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: I CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 *(seated)*

Reader

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Reader

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

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 148 *(standing, sung by all)*

"Creator of the earth and skies"

David W. Hughes (1911–1967)

Uffingham

melody Jeremiah Clarke (1670–1707)



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9 *(standing)*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *(seated)*

The Rev. Vicki Zust

THE NICENE CREED *(standing, said by all)*

BCP, p. 358

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, FORM IV *(standing or kneeling)*

BCP, p. 388

Leader 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.

Additional prayers for Anglican, diocesan and parish cycles of prayer may be added here

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Additional prayers for those serving in the armed forces may be added here

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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*

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. *Thanksgivings may be added here*
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Petitions for those in need may be added here*
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those whom the congregation wishes to name, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(standing or kneeling)* *BCP, p. 360*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*
People **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 *BCP, p. 360*

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(standing)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive contributions for the ministry of Saint Mark's. You can also give electronically at www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/saintmarks or by texting "GIVE" to (614)665-6508.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(Saint Mark's Choir)*

*Dear Lord and Father
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

The offerings are brought forward by the ushers.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—PRAYER A *(standing)*

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 (HYMNAL S-127) (*standing, sung by all*)

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues; the People may stand or kneel.

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:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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

People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 364


Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.

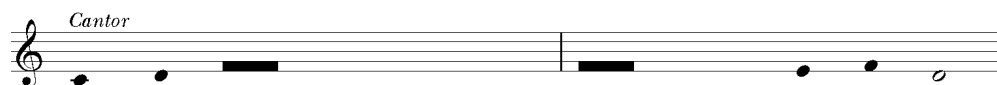
FRACTION ANTHEM S-172 (*standing or kneeling, sung by all*) Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991)
(Margaret Wells, *cantor*)

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

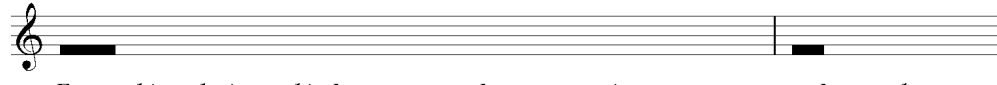


Bles-sed are those who are called to the Sup-per of the Lamb.

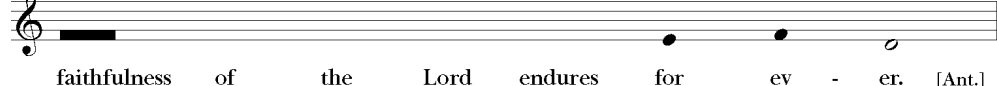
Cantor



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo-ples.



For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev-er. [Ant.]

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will direct you to the communion rail. You may stand or kneel at the rail. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

You may receive the bread only or receive the bread and the chalice.

If you are receiving the bread only, please cross your arms over your chest as the chalice comes by.

If you are receiving the chalice, please guide the base of the chalice as you take a sip.

If you are uncomfortable receiving communion, if you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you will receive a blessing.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (*Saint Mark's Choir*)

Early Will I Seek Thee
Thomas Weelkes (c.1576–1623)

Early will I seek Thee,
for my soul, Lord, thirsteth for Thee.
I will bless Thee while I live,
and lift up my hands in Thy Name
Early will I seek Thee, O God.
O God, Thou art my God.

Text: Psalm 63:1, 4

COMMUNION HYMN 144 (*seated, sung by all*)

“Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness”

Latin; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (1930–2016)

Cornhill

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine
 2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -
 3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may
 4 Now near - er draws the day of days when
 5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that
 2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your
 3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing
 4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at
 5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the congregation.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 150 *(standing, sung by all)*

“Forty days and forty nights”

George Hunt Smyttan (1822–1870)

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

melody att. Martin Herbst (1654–1681)

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain in your pews until the altar party gets to the back of the church. You may then head to the parish hall for coffee hour or on with your day. Please be respectful of those who wish to listen and pray through the postlude.

VOLUNTARY

Messe à l'usage des paroisses: *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

François Couperin (1668–1733)



THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARK'S



Adult Formation

During Lent the Adult Formation program will be exploring the Book of Acts. We will look at chunks of the book each Sunday and talk about the earliest days of the Church.

Adult Formation meets in the parish hall on Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15.

The outline of what we will be exploring is:

March 23: Acts 8:26 – 11:18

March 30: Acts 11:19 – 14:28

April 6: Acts 15:1 – 28:31

There will be no adult formation on April 13, 20 or 27

Children's Formation

Our Lent project in Children's Formation focuses on the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross consist of 14 stations that depict key events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. Each station is a moment for prayer and reflection and is a devotion of hope that allows us to reflect on Jesus's sacrifices.

Children's Formation will gather at 10:30 in the children's formation area on March 23 and 30. Children will join their families in the Sanctuary the during the announcements (about 11:05) to participate in the Eucharist.

There will be no children's formation April 6, 13 or 20.

AGO Student Recital

The American Guild of Organists is having a student recital at Saint Mark's today at 4 p.m. Come and hear some of the up and coming organists in our area. A reception will follow the recital.

Calling Hours for Brenda Hammersley

Will be Monday, March 24 at Schoedinger on Zollinger from 4 to 7 p.m.

Marksmen

The Marksmen (Saint Mark's men's group) are meeting for dinner on Wednesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at Cuco's Taqueria (2162 W. Henderson across from City BBQ).

Please let Dwight Anstaett (614-314-4602 call or text) know if you are coming so that there are enough seats.

Helping Others in Lent

Helping others is a big part of Lent. This year we are collecting personal care items. We will be doing two things with these products. We will be making Grooming Bags for mothers in Vinton County through our partnership with Help Me Grow. We will also be donating them to NNEMAP where they are always in need.

There is a sheet with reflections for each week that leads to a donation each week on the arched bookcase in the parish hall. Or there are two ways that you can help:

Donate \$20, which is the cost of filling one grooming bag.

Bring any of the following to church during Lent (please bring full size items).

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| Shampoo | Toothbrush |
| Conditioner | Toothpaste |
| Body Wash | Deodorant |
| Hand Soap | Disposable Razors |

Confirmation

Bishop White is coming to visit Saint Mark's on May 18, 2025 and will be Confirming, Receiving and Reaffirming the faith of interested people at the 10:30 a.m. service that day.

Here is what you need to do.

1. Watch each of the videos on the confirmation page of the Saint Mark's website (saintmarkscolumbus.org/confirmation) and fill out the form on that page.
2. Attend the in-person classes on Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 27 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Vicki at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org or 614-486-9452.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet at our regular time on Sunday, April 6, following the 10:30 am service.

We will do an activity combining art and prayer and play some games. There will be pizza for lunch and we will finish up at 1:30 p.m.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARK'S



Work Day

Many hands make light work! Come and join us on Saturday, April 12 to do some Spring Cleaning to make St. Mark's look beautiful for Easter and for our congregants and visitors! There are a number of small tasks/projects to be done.

We will gather at 9 a.m. and end around noon, or when we finish the list of projects, whichever comes first. There will be indoor tasks and, if weather permits, outdoor as well. There will be a sign-up sheet when you arrive. So put the date and time on your calendar to help make our house shine!!

As an added bonus, Pastor Vicki will bring donuts from the Goodie Shoppe as an incentive for all who participate! See you all soon!!

Migration Ministry

The Migration Ministry group will meet Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be by Zoom. Please contact Elizabeth Anstaett (oxford4234@aol.com) for more information or for the Zoom link.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, which this year is on April 13.

Palm Sunday – April 13

8:00 a.m. - Rite I Eucharist with blessing of the palms.

10:30 a.m. – Service begins in the parish hall. We then process with our palms into the church. Rite II Eucharist with music and blessing of the palms.

Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:30 p.m. – This day commemorates the Last Supper and the giving of the great commandment *mandatum* in Latin, where the name of the day comes from. Eucharist ending with the stripping of the altar. The reserve sacrament will be in the chapel for private devotion following the service and on Friday.

Good Friday – April 18

Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Good Friday liturgy with communion from the reserve sacrament.

Great Vigil of Easter – April 19

7:30 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter is the first celebration of Easter. We start in darkness and move through the story of the history of God and human beings to the joy of the resurrection. This is a service of candles and water, Scripture and music.

*Easter Day Services 9 & 11 a.m. – **Note the change of service times** – April 20*

The 9 a.m. service features the Canterbury Choir. The 11 a.m. service features the Saint Mark's choir.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 a.m. service. There will be separate areas for toddlers and older kids. The eggs are stuffed with a combination of toys and candy.

Evening Knitting, Pub Theology & Tourist in Our Hometown

Because of Holy Week services and Easter celebrations, there is no Evening Knitting Group, Pub Theology or Tourist in Our Hometown event in April. All these events will resume in May.



The bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist are given to the Glory of God this morning in communion with all who have gone before us in faith.



Today's Worship Assistants

Celebrant
The Rev. Vicki Zust

Verger
Dave Yeager

Lectors
Sarah Lange
George Reed

Chalice Bearers
Bill Karl
Michele Johnson

Director of Music
Matthew Bester

Organist
Michael Schreffler

Saint Mark's Choir

Acolyte
Emma M.

Ushers
Dwight Anstaett
Jack D'Aurora
Grace Buttrick
Beth Hylton

Altar Guild
Joyce Acton
Marilyn Karl
Mary Saefkow
Linda Wheeler

Flower Guild
TBD

Nursery Assistants
Elizabeth Anstaett
Jackson M.

Fellowship/Coffee Guild
Regan Bohnert
Barb Keyes
Beth Hylton
Bill Silliman
Dianne Silliman

Livestream Producer
Mark Drew

Online Assistants
Alex R.
George Reed

This Week at Saint Mark's The Third Week in Lent: March 23—30, 2025

<p>Sun. 3-23</p>	<p><i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music by the Saint Mark's Choir</p> <p>4 p.m. AGO Student Recital and Reception 8 p.m. AA (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>Thurs. 3-27</p> <p>6:15 p.m. AA (Parish Hall) 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA (Parish Hall)</p> <p>Fri. 3-28</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8 a.m. AARP Tax Assistance (Parish Hall) 8 p.m. AA (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>Mon. 3-24</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA—Men's Group (Parish Hall) 7 p.m. AA (Parish Hall) 7:30 p.m. Monday Night Book Group (Canterbury Center)</p>	<p>Sat. 3-29</p>
<p>Tues. 3-25</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. AI Anon (Parish Hall) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>Sun. 3-30</p> <p><i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music by the Saint Mark's Choir</p> <p>12 p.m. Confirmation Class 1 p.m. Street Church 4 p.m. Early Music in Columbus Reception for Donors 8 p.m. AA (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>Wed. 3-26</p>	<p>8 a.m. AARP Tax Assistance (Parish Hall) 8:30 a.m. UAPL (Canterbury Center) 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. The Marksmen</p>	

Meeting information including Zoom meeting links can be found on the Parish Calendar www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/calendar.

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Bill Silliman, *Head Verger*
Melanie Jacobs, *Office Manager*

Ministers:

The Entire Saint Mark's Family

Vestry Members:

Cheryl Boop, *Senior Warden*
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Alex R., *Youth Warden*
Dwight Anstaett
Michael Bowman
Steve Brindza
Norman Jones
Bill Lange
Ted Meyers
Mary Beth Smith
Melanie Tepley
Dan Verrilli
John Wilson
Park Zimpher



Phil Glandon, *Treasurer*
Jodi Porreca, *Clerk*

Mission Statement:

As a Christ-centered community, the people of Saint Mark's seek a world in which all people share the joy of loving God and each other by...

- *Celebrating worship together with inspiring words, music and traditions*
- *Serving all of our neighbors*
- *Engaging in fellowship and hospitality*
- *Encouraging people in their lifelong spiritual formation*
- *Being a beacon of Christ's presence in the world*

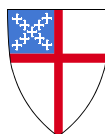
Who We Are:



Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.



Saint Mark's is a member of the Episcopal Church in the United States – a community of 2.4 million members in 114 dioceses in the Americas and abroad. *Episcopal* means a church with bishops. Bishops are the leaders of the church and spiritual descendants of the apostles of Jesus Christ. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of 82 million members in more than 160 countries. *Anglican* are those churches who trace their history to the Church of England.



Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit,
The Episcopal Church welcomes you.