



Keeping a Holy Lent

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

April 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Mission

We are an inclusive community of faith, reflecting Christ's love, ministering to all who hunger in body, mind, and spirit.

Vision

Our strength as a faith community depends on our inner vitality, inclusive welcome, and outward action. Grounded in these values, we continue our strong tradition of liturgical worship and education for all ages. We advocate for justice, serving those in need.

Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to St. Mark's community of faith! If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Our order of worship is provided here for your convenience and is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) starting on page 355. Our hymnals, *The Hymnal 1982* (Blue) and *Wonder Love and Praise* (Green) and the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (Red) can be found in the pews. "S" numbers are found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. We recognize that language in liturgy could be more inclusive and hope for a time when that will be a reality. We invite you to join us for refreshments and conversation following today's Service. Know that you are always welcome to be with us, and we would look forward to having you worship with us again.



Weekly Worship at St. Mark's: Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist and Healing Prayer at noon.

Sundays at St. Mark's: Services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **The Breakfast Café**, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. Following the 8:00 a.m. service we gather to socialize in the third level Conference Room. *Exit to your left, go up the stairs on your left, and up the next set of stairs – the Conference Room is on the top level to the left at the top of the stairs.* Our 10:30 a.m. service is also followed by a social hour and occasional special receptions in our Parish Hall. *Exit to your left, and the Hall is straight ahead.* **All are welcome!**

Christian Formation:

Children: Nursery care for infants and little ones through age 2 is provided beginning at 9:15 a.m. year round on the lower level. Preschool through 6th grade children are welcomed at 10:25 a.m. for age appropriate learning experiences. Children's Formation classrooms are located on the lower level (LL-2) and on the third level of the Parish House. (Look for the signs near the staircases.) Children are brought into service during the Peace so families can receive Communion together. For more information, please speak to **Jane Stidolph**.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth:

G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. On Sundays, youth gather from 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. to explore Faith Lens, a weekly Bible study that engages them in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. On Wednesdays evenings during the school year, youth meet for Oasis, our weekly youth group gathering, with potluck at 6 p.m. followed by program from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Both classes meet in the 3rd floor youth room at St. Mark's. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministries, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the academic year as well as an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith. On Sunday mornings, we have adult devotional groups. Seasonally, there are Wednesdays at St. Mark's from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a potluck, presentation, discussion, and Evening Prayer. Please see **Father Christian** for more details.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the hallway ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Street Parking is available on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the Church. Parking is available in the Parish lot, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on the corner of Division and Lyon (access from Lyon) and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or at the Front Desk of the Parish House.

Parking is free on Sunday only. A green ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

The Gathering of the People The Liturgy of the Palms

8 am and 10:30 a.m. Services begin on the Patio of the Parish House

Welcome and Invitation to Prayer

Presider: †Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Response: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

God's mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim,

"God's mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD;

God who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me

and have become my salvation.

- 22** The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23** This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24** On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25** Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us now success.
- 26** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27** God is the LORD; God has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28** "You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29** Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's mercy endures for ever.

Blessing of the Palms

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Presider: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day, Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. †Bless these branches in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let them be for us signs of Christ's victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Distribution of the Palms and Procession into the Sanctuary (Tower bell ringing)

Presider: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Processional Hymn - All glory, laud and honor

Valet will ich dirgeben

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Hebrew Scripture *(Seated as able)*

Isaiah 50:4-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

(Psalm prayed in unison at 8:00; Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all at 10:30)

Antiphon:



9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

Antiphon

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

Antiphon

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

Antiphon

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn: Blue Hymnal 439: What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

The Passion Narrative *(Please remain seated until the notation to stand. The Congregation will read the part of the Assembly marked in bold)* *Luke 22:14--23:56*

NARRATOR: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

NARRATOR: And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

PETER: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: No, not a thing.

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: Lord, look, here are two swords.

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: It is enough.

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: This man also was with him.

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

SERVANT 2: You also are one of them.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I am not!

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

SERVANT 3: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ASSEMBLY: Are you, then, the Son of God?

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: You say that I am.

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ASSEMBLY: Crucify, crucify him!

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

At the mention of the place called the skull, all should stand, as able.

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

ASSEMBLY: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: Certainly this man was innocent.

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Reflection (*seated as able*)

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

The Prayers of the People (*standing as able.*)

Intercessor: God of all hope, you have promised to hear us when we pray in the Name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray to you this day.

O God, enliven the Church for its mission, especially during this Holy Week as we journey with Christ to the Cross and to resurrection.

That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace and an end to bullying, gun violence, terrorism and war.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a greater sense of stewardship for your creation and all that is in it.

Teach us to care for its resources.

Inspire those whose decisions affect the lives of others, especially the President, all elected officials and all of us gathered here.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.

We pray for God's blessing on those who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week.

We pray for the celebrations and needs of those gathered here. (*Silence to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.*)

We pray for those in need of our prayers and for whom we have promised to pray. We pray for the health and well-being of the sick and all those on our Prayer Lists. (*Silence to add individual names either silently or aloud.*)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

We remember those who have died and those known to you alone. We especially remember Pamela Sherer and Bill VanDerBos. May they and all the departed rest in peace. (*Silence to add additional names either silently or aloud.*) Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We ask you to hear these prayers that we have spoken aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts, as we confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin (*silence*)

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

The Peace

Presider: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music – Thou Goest to Jerusalem

Melchior Franck

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer (EOW II)

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gerald Near

(Spoken at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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 people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us with St. Mark and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

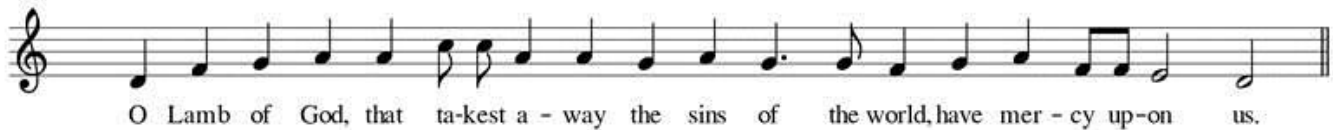
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Distribution (*Spoken at 8:00 and Sung at 10:30*)

John Merbecke



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

People: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child even if not baptized. If you are able, please come forward toward the High Altar, entering on the organ side, filling in the Communion rail from right to left, and returning to your seat from the Lectern side. At the 10:30 am Service, you may choose to receive the Eucharist at the communion station to the left of the Lectern. Consecrated bread and gluten-free bread are available on both levels. You may also choose to receive consecrated wine from the shared cup or from a separate smaller cup of intinction (dipping). If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Hymn – Blue Hymnal 158: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Herzliebster Jesu

Post-Communion Chant - Red Hymnal 163: No harm have I done you (*please omit Amen*)

R.M. Carter

Post-communion Prayer (*standing as able*)

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and ever-living 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, Holy God, 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.**

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Presider: Let us bow our heads and pray for God's mercy. Graciously behold your people, Almighty God, for whom your Son, Jesus the Christ, was willing to be given into oppressive, abusive hands and to suffer the humiliation of death upon the cross; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: Blue Hymnal 164: Alone thou goest forth, O Lord (*sing in place*)

Bangor

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth as we have begun the journey to the Cross and the holiest week in the year.
May God be with us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leave in Silence

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. Thank you.

Please, join us for fellowship and conversation, as our celebrations continue in the Parish House. All are welcome! A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Tables of the church. Please, feel free to take a copy for further reflection. All homilies are video-taped and can be found at www.stmarksgr.org at the Media tab and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

*Following the 8 a.m. Service all are invited to the Social Hour, on the third floor,
(Please use the double doors on your left, and take the stairs up, near the Welcome Desk.)*

Host(s): Baldwin and Judy Ogden

*Following the 10:30 a.m. Service all are invited to the Social Hour, in the Parish Hall,
(Please use the double doors on your left, and cross the gathering area.)*

Host(s): Wendy Muma and Shirley Bernard

Youth Readers for the Passion

Ian Brown
Xander Brown
Isaiah Luk
Iris Miller
Griffin Stidolph
Harrison Stidolph
Maclin Stidolph
Ella Todd
Lauren Todd
Director: Mike Dodge

Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2019

Thanks to all those who sustain our ministry together at St. Mark's with pledges and offerings. The total budget for 2019 is \$726,157, which requires an estimated \$13,888 income per week. **Last week we received \$8,785**, contributions in pledges and offerings.

**Contributions
Received YTD
\$ 194,058**

**Contributions
Needed YTD
\$ 194,427**

**Difference YTD
\$ -(369)**

A reminder that we gratefully receive pledges at any time throughout the year. (Pledge cards and envelopes are available on the resource table in the church, which can be given as cash, check, or direct deposit.) Want more details about the Parish's giving or finances? Please, email questions to Finance Manager, Pam. Stevenson pams@stmarksgr.org or our Treasurer, Sharon Buursma sbuursma@msn.com.

Sunday News - April 14

Holy Week and Easter Services: Please, see the schedule on the next page and feel free to take a calendar flier home. They are located on the Resource Tables.

Keeping Watch/Vigil, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday: A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk for keeping watch following the Maundy Thursday Service and Stations on Good Friday. Please consider this opportunity for prayers. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk.

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a donation for Easter Sunday Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the end of your pew and drop it in the offering plate. All memorials need to be received by April 15 in order for names to be included in the Easter Bulletins.

Lenten prayer cards are available for us to write particular prayers during Lent. The prayers can be placed in the wicker basket on the altar in front of the Lenten Cross. Those prayers will remain at the base of the Cross throughout Lent, a kind of acknowledgment of our need for God in our lives of faith with particular personal intentions.

Tenebrae Service, Holy Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: The name, "Tenebrae", comes from the Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows." For centuries, monks referred to their monastic night and early morning services of the last three days of Holy Week as Tenebrae. In the Anglican tradition, we observe Tenebrae on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week, so that the proper liturgies of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday may be observed as the principal Services on those days. This form of the Monastic Office (matins and lauds) is commonly adapted for congregational use during Holy Week. The Office is structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. A distinguishing characteristic of Tenebrae is the series of readings from Lamentations which appear early in the Office and extinguishing of candles following each reading. It is a dramatic Service filled with rich symbols and meaning. Come and pray!

Sacramental Rite of Reconciliation: A reminder that confession and reconciliation is particularly appropriate during Lent. This beautiful Rite from our Book of Common Prayer is a face-to-face encounter between a penitent and a priest and is celebrated in the St. Mary's Chapel. If you wish to seek Reconciliation, please, contact Fr. Christian or Mother Sue.

Meetings from Palm/Passion Sunday through Easter Day: As part of our prayerful considerations for Holy Week and Easter and as tradition in many parishes, I would respectfully request that there be no meetings scheduled during that eight day period. Instead, please, come and worship at any or all of the twelve Services which will be provided. Holy Week and Easter are the most important days in the Christian Tradition. We are especially invited in to prayer during Holy Week, as we prepare for and then celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection on Easter. Blessings and thanks. ~Christian+

Social Hour Hosts Needed: Weekly, we have social hours following both Services. We are very much in needed of ministries or small groups of individuals to host one of the Social Hours, particularly the one following the 10:30 Eucharist. We encourage all ministries to choose a Sunday and to host the Social Hour(s) as a way of highlighting the ministry as well as serving the worshipping community. A reminder that we are reimbursed for the cost of the goodies for the Social Hour up to \$75. 'Lavish spreads' are lovely but not necessary. Please, consider signing up to be of service and for which all present will be most grateful

Walk for Good Food 2019: Who's ready to get out and enjoy the spring weather? The annual Access Walk for Good Food will happen on May 5th in downtown Grand Rapids. St. Mark's is a partnering agency with Access and we are putting together a Walk team. Register to walk at the table in the parish hall during social hour. Not a walker? You can still support the team by sponsoring those who are walking. You can also register or donate online. Please contact Jeff Brown or Scot Gogle if you have any questions, or to learn more by linking through our website or visiting accessofwestmichigan.org/walk. #Walk4GoodFood, #W4GF, #AccessWM

Art Quilts Exhibit: We are honored to display Anne Armour's Amazing art quilts in St. Mary's Chapel. This is a must see exhibit of talent and skill. Make sure you stop in to visit the gorgeous work.

St. Mark's Episcopal Youth: Oasis meets at St. Mark's on Wednesday. We begin with a potluck at 6:00 p.m., followed by separate programming for youth from grades 6th-12th, adults, and our younger friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We'll conclude with a brief Night Prayer at 7:35

Budget 2019 Update and Need: We give thanks to the 148 of us who have offered a pledge for which we are very grateful. It isn't too late to join in support of our ministry together. Please, consider making a pledge for 2019 in any amount if you have not yet pledged. The current pledged amount for 2019 is \$446,773 towards \$722,156. Pledge cards are available at both entrances of the Church, and a proportional giving chart is on the reverse side for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Buursma, Treasurer, or Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager. May God bless us in 2019.

Dismantling Racism: The Dismantling Racism Ministry is organizing an April 27th visit to the Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State University. A 2:00 PM tour (FREE) has been arranged. Visitors must be 12 years of age or older. Visit the welcome desk for sign-ups and more details. Questions? Contact Julie Connors (915-6643 or jaconnors71@gmail.com)

From the Archives: The Tenacious Mrs. Church – stop by the archives display case to learn about Mary Elizabeth Church, organist for St. Mark's for fifty years. Note that the beautiful windows above the balcony were given in memory of Mrs. Church, thus, the famed harp also in her memory as a musician.

Family Fellowship Event: What: Family Fun Night! When: Saturday, April 27th Time: 4:30pm-7:30pm
Where: The Ilem's house: Family Fun Night is an evening of food and fellowship for families with children 5th grade and younger. It is an opportunity to build community among families with young children (including extended families like grandparents) in a low key setting. Although aimed at young families, families with older children are always welcome! The evening will include a potluck style dinner and activity. The location will be at individual homes, with the location rotating based on size of the group and interest. Our next event will take place on **Saturday April 27th**, and we will be playing outdoor games (weather permitting). David and Allison Ilem will host. Please RSVP to Jackie Yam at: jackie.j.yam@gmail.com

Stepping out for Jesus – A Mother's Day Shoe Fashion Show and Tea: The Phil-Mar Saints of Grand Rapids: St. Philip's and St. Mark's, cordially invite you to join them in "Stepping Out for Jesus" which is a Mother's Day Shoe Fashion Show and Tea on Saturday May 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. here at St. Mark's. Please RSVP by April 26 to Becky Bocskey (bocskey54@sbcglobal.net) 245-9846 or Pamela Chapman (stphilipsgr@att.net) 451-9865. Feel free to wear your own favorite or special pair of shoes).

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week Rehearsal: Assisting Ministers and Acolytes – Apr 13, 10 a.m.
Holy Week Way of the Cross – Apr 15 & 16, 6:30 p.m.
Diocesan Chrism Mass – April 16, 10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week Eucharist – April 16
Tenebrae Service of Shadows – Apr 17, 6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service – Apr 18, 6 p.m. meal, 7 p.m. Service
Maundy Thursday Night Vigil – April 18 until 12 a.m. adults
Good Friday Way of the Cross – Apr 19, 12 p.m.; Keeping Watch until 3 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (Choir) – Apr 19, 7 p.m.
Decorating for Easter – Apr 20, 9:30 a.m.
Easter Vigil Service, Baptism and Refreshments – Apr 20, 7 p.m.
Festival Easter Services – Apr 21, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt – Apr 21



Sunday, April 14 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Café (Parish Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Social Hour (Third Floor Conference Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Childcare (Lower Level)
- 9:30 a.m. Devotion Group (Canterbury Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Formation (Third Level Classroom)
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Choir Warm up (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Formation (Lower Level)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Social Hour (Parish Hall)
- 12:30 a.m. Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

Holy Monday, April 15

- 12:00 p.m. Meeting outside group (Third Level Classroom)
- 6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross (Sanctuary)

Holy Tuesday, April 16

- 10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Meeting outside group (Third Level Classroom)
- 6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross (Sanctuary)

Holy Wednesday, April 17

- 12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist with Healing Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 12:00 a.m. Meeting outside group (Third Level)
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Readings (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service followed by Keeping watch until 12 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Holy Friday, April 19

- 12:00 p.m. Stations (Way) of the Cross and Sanctuary open for prayer until 3:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (Sanctuary)

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting outside group (Third Floor Classroom)
- 9:00 a.m. Decorating for Easter (Sanctuary and Sacristy)
- 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, Baptism and Reception (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Café (Parish Hall)
- 8:45 a.m. Social Hour (Third Floor Conference Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Devotional Group (Canterbury Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Childcare (Lower Level)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Formation (Level Three Classroom)
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Choir Warm Up (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Formation (Lower Level)
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, Choir and Brass (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Social Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Front Lawn)
- 12:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (Conference Room)



Prayers are requested:

Jack Begrow
 Casines-Abreu family
 Bridget Crowell
 Lola Dodge
 Jayne Dusendang
 Jim Duesendang
 Roger Faber
 Gerry Fairbrother
 Daniel Hawley
 Mary Hunter
 Ty Karsen
 Tom Klein
 Ryan Konarske
 Joyce Krushinsky
 Rev. Floyd Kunce
 Robert Leacock
 Pamela Leddick
 Sarah McIntire & Kate Goebbert
 Alissa Monsalvo
 Family of Michael Moberg
 Ruthanne Nelson
 John Oatley
 Aila Olivia
 Philip Rocco
 Scott Sawicki
 The Schmidt-Fitz Family
 Jacob Schulz
 Stewart Swihart
 Shari Takus
 Barb Wheelock
 Carl Zirbel

Our inbound and semi-inbound

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