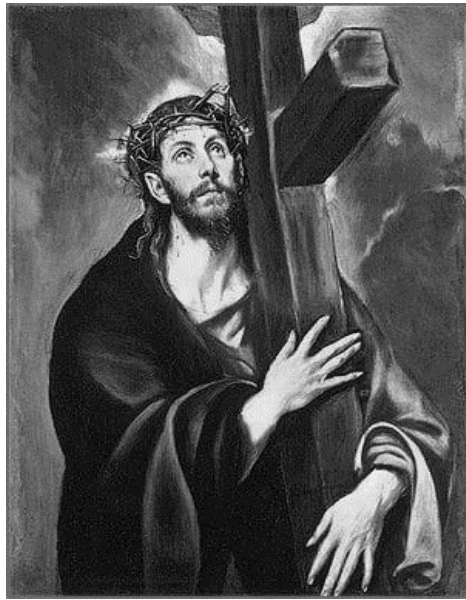


# The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (in-person and live-streamed)



*Christ Carrying the Cross, El Greco*



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

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## Welcome to St. Mark's!

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Information packed from a welcome folder inside the lobby podium.

**Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.**

**Weather Policy:** St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

**Reserved Accessible Spaces:** There are three shorter pews, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please only sit there or in the adjoining pews if you have assistive devices or need of extra space.

**Safety:** The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Please pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. In an emergency, an announcement will be made and children will be ushered to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

**Parking on Sundays:** Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street (only until 2 p.m.), and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher (must be used with original parking ticket).

**Rest Rooms** are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. More rest rooms are available on the second level of the Parish House, if you are able to use the stairs.

**Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's:** Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook.

**Sunday School:** We offer children's and youth formation, including Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Nursery care for children under kindergarten is available from 9:15 a.m. through the 10:30 a.m. Service. For more information please contact Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation, at [jeffb@stmarksgr.org](mailto:jeffb@stmarksgr.org).

**Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth:** G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Our Director of Faith Formation is Jeff Brown, [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com).

**Adult Formation Ministry:** *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year: contact Doug Karsen for more information at [karsencd@gmail.com](mailto:karsencd@gmail.com).

**Breakfast Café Ministry:** A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal every Saturday at 8:15 a.m.. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at [judyfw@comcast.net](mailto:judyfw@comcast.net).

**Land Acknowledgment:** St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

**eNews:** For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, get the weekly eNews in your email or from our homepage.

**Cell Phones:** We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate.

### St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector  
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager  
Kate Assarian, Administrative Associate  
Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music  
Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation  
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

Mike Armour, Operations Manager  
Ronnie Hammond, Sexton  
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate, Video  
Marquice Jackson, Weekend Sexton  
Jamie Interrial, Security Representative  
Eric Gable, Webmaster

**Worship during Lent** (Ash Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week): During Lent, our liturgies take on a different and somewhat less celebratory character due to the penitential nature of the Lenten season. The liturgical environment is sparse and the liturgical color changes to a deep purple. The prayers of the liturgy reflect the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

## The Gathering of the People

*Our prayer begins with the offering of music to help us prepare for the words and actions to follow.*

**Prelude**—The Glory of These Forty Days

A.W. Leupold

**Welcome**—Lector I

*(You may stand.)*

*We continue our prayer as clergy and ministers are called forth from the congregation to assist us as leaders in worship.*

**Invitation to Prayer**

The Rev. David Blank

**The Great Litany** *Used as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. Published in English in 1544. Sung here in procession.*

Julie Farrier, Cantor

*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*

Officiant People

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant People

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant People

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant People

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

People

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion, Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **Good Lord, deliver us.**


By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**


We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way.

*People*



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

### **Absolution**

*Presider:* May †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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* God be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*At this point, we listen and hear the Word of God from the Sacred Scriptures of both the Hebrew and Christian Traditions.*

**The Hebrew Scripture** (*You may sit.*)

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*Lector I:* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16**

*Qui habitat*

*Lector at 8:00 a.m.:* Let us pray the psalm responsively by half verse.

*At 10:30 a.m., the Antiphon is intoned by the choir and repeated thereafter.*



He shall give his an-gels charge o-ver you, to keep you in all your ways.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
**abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
**my God in whom I put my trust."**

*Antiphon*

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
**and the Most High your habitation,**

There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
**neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

*Antiphon*

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
**to keep you in all your ways.**

They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*Antiphon*

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
**you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**

Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
**I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

*Antiphon*

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
**I am with him in trouble;**  
**I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
**and show him my salvation.**

*Antiphon*

### **The Christian Scripture**

*Romans 10:8b-13*

*Lector II:* A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn — Blue Hymnal 150, vv. 1-2: Forty Days** (*continues after the Gospel*) *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

**The Gospel** (*You may stand.*)

*Luke 4:1-13*

*Gospeler:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading during the 10:30 a.m. Service, children of all ages are invited to join us for Celebrate Jesus, a story and activity time in St. Mary's Chapel. We'll return to the sanctuary during The Peace.*

**Gospel Hymn** (*continued*) — **Blue Hymnal 150, vv. 3-5: Forty Days**

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

**The Homily**

The Rev. David Blank

*A brief silence is observed for reflection.*

**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.**

*The following prayers are offered to God on behalf of all people, of all ages gathered here in-person or praying with us online, and those around the world.*

**Prayers of the People** (*You may stand.*)

*Lector I:* O God, you uphold all those who fall and lift up all who are bowed down. Therefore, during this Season of Lent, we pray in humility with the response, hear our prayer.

*Lector II:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: for Sean, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; St. Dunstan's of Davison and its Priest-in-Charge, Sue Colavincenzo; Holy Spirit of Belmont and its Priest-in-Charge, Dan Buchin. We remember the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray:

**All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Lector I:* God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, feeling unwanted, alone. God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious. God of peace, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing or those feeling physical and spiritual hurt, weakness, depression, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer list in the bulletin and all those for whom we have promised to pray. (*Pause to add names silently or aloud.*) God of healing, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector I:* God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; conflicted, in need of your grace, contrite, humble, bowed down, God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector II:* God of the living and the dead, we pray for those who have died and those who will die this day, especially those unremarked or unattended. I invite you to add the names of those for whom you wish to pray. *(Pause to add names.)* O God, hear us. **O God, graciously hear us.**

*Presider:* O God, we ask you to hear these prayers and give us your love, justice, healing and mercy, this day and all days. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

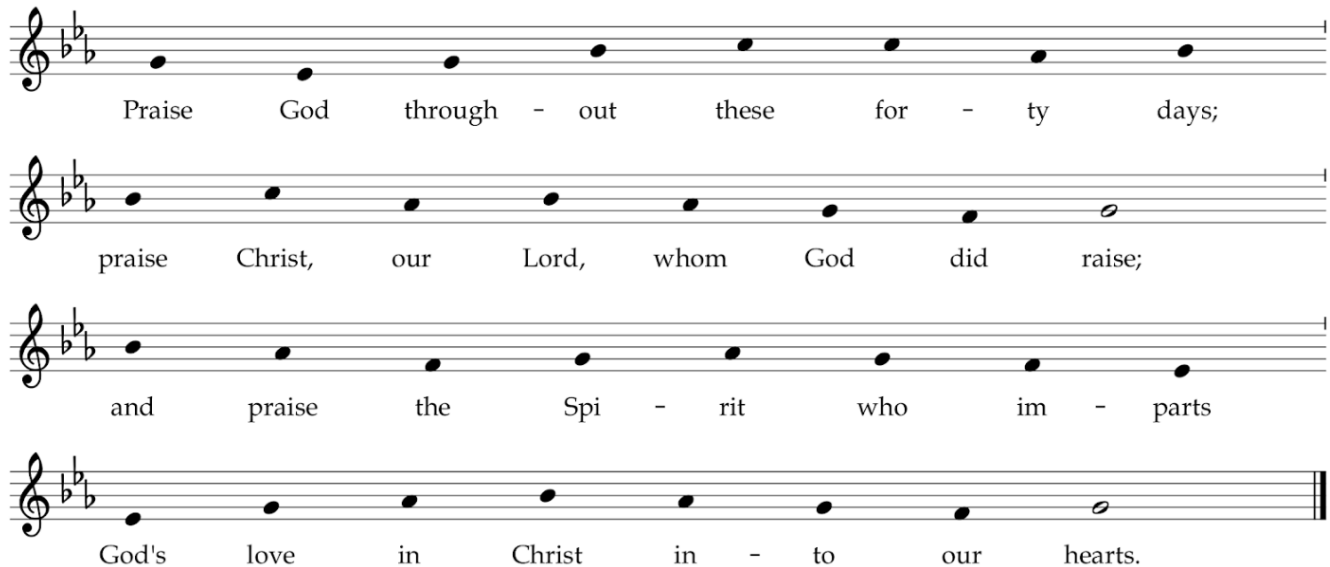
### Announcements

## The Liturgy of the Table

**Offertory Music** — Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

*Healey Willan*

### Doxology



Praise God through - out these for - ty days;  
praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
and praise the Spi - rit who im - parts  
God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Scottish Prayer Book 1983, Eucharistic Prayer III*

*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.

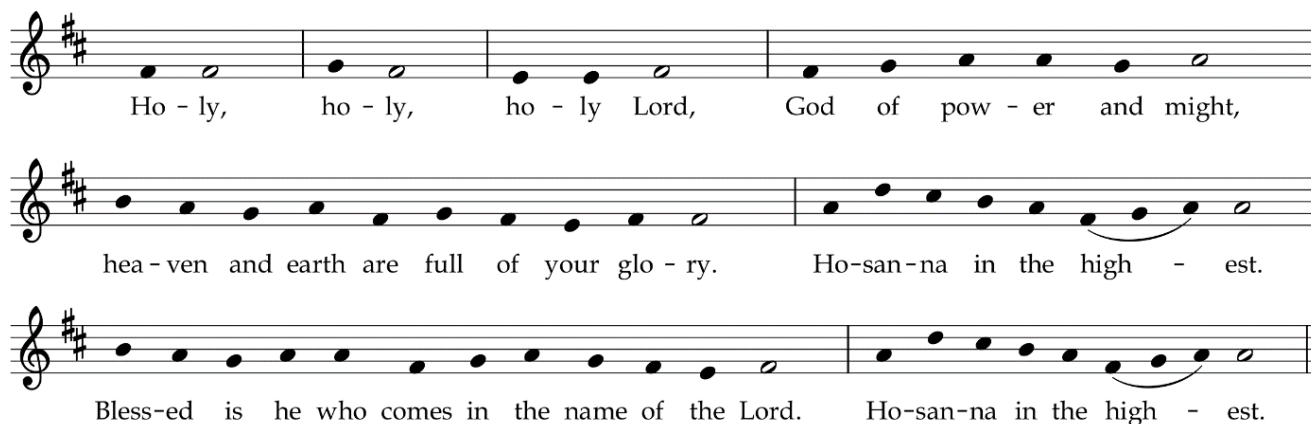
*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son's enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Creator's house, and so we pray:



## Sanctus

David Hurd



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 people may stand or kneel.)*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup. He offered you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Reign.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father and †send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be for †us the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Holy Reign.

Help us and all the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into the heritage of the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the prophets, St. Mark and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end. **Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

**(Traditional) 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.**

(Contemporary) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

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

*David Hurd*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant\_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

*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.**

*Presider:* All are invited to receive Holy Communion which contains both consecrated bread and wine. Following the distribution of consecrated bread, please feel free to dip your host into consecrated wine offered in a cup for intinction. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.

**Healing Prayer:** *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

**Communion Hymn—Blue Hymnal No. 149: Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church** *Old 124th*

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People:* **O gracious God, Jesus stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth. We thank you for feeding us with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, the sign and instrument of our common life, food for our Lenten pilgrimage and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### The Blessing

*Presider:* May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and may the blessing of God, †Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon us this day and remain with us always, we pray: **Amen.**

**Hymn of Sending Forth—Blue Hymnal 143: The Glory of These Forty Days**

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

## Dismissal

*Presider or Deacon:* Let us go in peace to love and serve God and all God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude – Toccata Prima

G. Frescobaldi

*Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until all candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then please join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship. Thank you.*

## The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.

### The Sick and Other Needs

Alissa Almont  
Dave Atkinson  
Jayne Austin  
Sally Bowie  
Christopher Brewer  
Ed Cox  
Terry Dusendang  
Jon Hamm  
Ruth Hammond  
Kathryn Marmion  
Laura Maslonka  
Jackie McCarthy  
Chris McClain  
Jean McCormick  
Carmela McIntire  
Goebbert-McIntire Family  
Bill Nasser  
Ed Nicholson  
Marilyn and Ron Oom  
Joe Pinto  
Michael Reale, Sr.  
Bea Rocco  
Javier Ronquillo  
Dan Scripsema  
Meghan VanderMale  
Guillermo Venecia  
Tom Woudstra

Sue Allen  
Susan Andrews  
Nita DeGraaf  
John Gracki  
Jennifer Julius  
Mary Rollins  
Irene Savara  
Roma Warmington  
Jean Zylstra

### In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA  
PV2. Cailen Donahue McLea, USA  
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG  
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF  
Col. Lt. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC  
Col. Todd Murray, USAF  
2LT. John Nicholson, USA

### Members of the Vestry

Ben Busman, Sr. Warden  
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden  
Emily Krueger, Clerk  
Gloria Lara, Treasurer  
Steve Bell  
Scot Gugle  
Laura Kozminski  
Penny Larsen  
Dan McDonald  
Carmela McIntire  
Rex Miller  
Michael Reale

### Search Committee

Bob Brower  
Doug Busman  
Nancy Dodge  
Karen Hunter  
Carmela McIntire  
Shawn Miller  
Heather Tafel  
Darren Walhof  
Tom Woudstra,  
Chaplain

### Postulant for Holy Orders

Thon Deng

### Candidate for Holy Orders

Cathy Stevens

## Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email [pams@stmarksgr.org](mailto:pams@stmarksgr.org))



Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:

Pay by text – text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash – Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at [www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org) through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

## **Church Spotlight: Sacred Sounds at St. Mark's Presents "Salutation" with Vox GR Sunday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m.**



Vox GR is the premier professional choral ensemble in West Michigan. Under the direction of Christopher Mason, this enchanting program will trace a day – from first light of dawn to the soft glow of twilight – through the music of Britten, Elgar, Muhly, Gjeilo, Palestrina, and many more. No cost due to generous sponsorship of Sacred Sounds of St. Mark's. Reception to follow. Add to your calendar via the links in eNews or on Facebook.

### **Parish Notes**

**Welcome!** Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out the new parishioner information sheet (in the lobby podium) to get name tags, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

**Sunday School** begins at 9:15 a.m. with Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex. Children of all ages in the 10:30 a.m. Service may adjourn to the Chapel from the Gospel through the Peace for a child-centered talk.

**United Thank Offering (UTO):** Lent is a time for gratitude. Pick up a UTO Blue Box from the Welcome Desk to participate. At the end of Lent everyone will bring back their box full of change and place it inside a large hollow wooden cross in the Sanctuary. UTO encourages people to notice each good thing that happens during the day, give thanks to God and make an offering for that blessing into the box. UTO distributes 100% of the collection toward innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. A meaningful tradition for people of all ages.

**Give Something Up, Give Something Away:** The Outreach Ministry challenges us to set up a box or bag in your kitchen and add items to it each week, then bring those items with you to church every Sunday in Lent. We will make weekly deliveries to the Downtown Food Pantry. By giving up a can of soup or a box of cereal, you will be blessing both yourself and someone in need. It's just one of the many ways that we at St. Mark's take Jesus' command to love our neighbors to heart. Thanks for considering this option this Lent!

**Donations for a Parishioner** with financial difficulties are being collected in the lock box just inside the lobby front desk area. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to support this long-time member.

**Adult Formation, Wednesdays of Lent:** Join us for soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m., led by Rev. Dr. Steven Manskar and Steve Bell. We will explore *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. We will close with Compline by 8:00 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring soup.

**Mosaic Scholars Coming to St. Mark's, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Service:** During the past several weeks the Dismantling Racism Ministry has introduced the Mosaic Scholars Program of the Grand Rapids Symphony. After an 18-month discernment process, the Dismantling Racism Ministry recommends that the parish enter into a relational (as opposed to transactional) relationship with the Grand Rapids Symphony's Mosaic Scholars Program. We envision this relationship to include not only a modest degree of financial support, but also actions that express appreciation and recognition of the talents, efforts and accomplishments of individual Mosaic Scholars. Members of the DRM believe that this is a real way to dismantle racial and ethnically based inequities in education and music. There is an ongoing need for financial support. More funding could support additional students and more creative opportunities. The cost per student for lessons and supplies is \$1050.

DRM recommends that St. Mark's set an initial goal of raising money to support three students. We could do this through special offerings, fundraisers or however the congregation wishes. Parishioners would be invited to attend creative sessions and concerts. Scholars might be invited back to perform during worship services (with an appropriate honorarium) and our building might be made available for performances. In these ways we would demonstrate our respect and appreciation of the scholars themselves. Read more in the eNews and come next Sunday when they will be with us.

