



St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 Rite 2 Year C**

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

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

We Love God

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

We Love Each Other

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

We Love Our Community

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

We Love Our Faith

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

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Holy Week Services:

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 13th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17th:

Service at 6:30 pm (with Washing of Feet)

Good Friday, April 18th:

Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm

The Great Vigil, Saturday April 19:

Service at 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

Preparing for Worship

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

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James's Air

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Opening Acclamation

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

Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

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

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

The Absolution

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

(Please stand as you are able)

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

(Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



The Lectern

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

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

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua 5:9-12

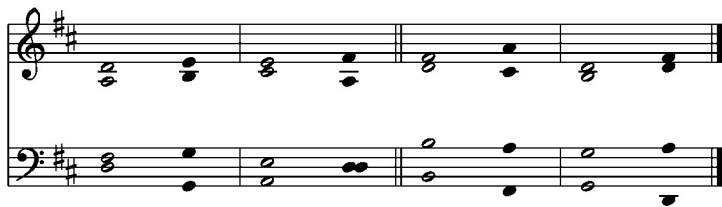
Anson Matthews

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

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



Happy are they whose transgressions are for-given,
and whose sin is put a-way!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-way,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of de-liverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 467

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

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



The Pulpit

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.



The Baptismal Font

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

Prayers of the People

Jennifer McCauley

Intercessor: In this Lenten season, we offer our prayers, remembering that the Way of the Cross, is the Way of Life, and that it is a sign of your great love for the world you have created.

Intercessor: Holy Trinity, you empower your children to manifest love and healing in this world. Guide your Church to embody the mission of Christ, and to draw the world into relationship with you and one another.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Intercessor: Ruler of the nations and of our hearts; we pray for those who bear the responsibility of authority in our local, regional, and national governments. May they remember that the work of justice and the care for neighbors, is at the heart of your great commandment; instill in them wisdom and a heart of service to others.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Intercessor: O Lamb of God, you shared your presence with people from all walks of life; and you gave yourself as a gift to the world, so that we might know love. We pray for the human family, that we may look upon your offering of compassion, as a sign of solidarity and healing.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Intercessor: Jesus, you are friend and sibling to all who walk the road of life. We pray today, for our family and friends, that they may know you as their companion and as the source of all grace: remembering especially, George and Malinda, Sam, Anne, Jennifer, Meredith, the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juetta, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Mary, Robert, Jean and her family, Sally, Daniela and her family, Vanessa, Conor, Louis, Candace, Andrew and Gretchen, Debbie, Jeffrey, Sandra, Frank and his family, Ron, Pam, John, Kathy, Barbara, Corey, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy, Kristy, Randi, Marion, and Hollis.

Additional petitions may be made silently or aloud.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Intercessor: Bread of Heaven, you nourish our life with your mercy and grace; and you call us to the table of fellowship in your name. Today, we give thanks for the birthdays of John, Caitlin, Douglas, Penny, and Bobbie.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Intercessor: Eternal Majesty, we are born in the garden of your creation, and at our dying we are reborn with you in paradise. Just as you promised to those witnessing your death and resurrection, we know that you go before us to prepare the Way. Today, we remember those who have died.

Petitions may be made silently or aloud.

Silence

Intercessor: Blessed Jesus,

All: Teach us the way of the cross.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

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

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

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

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory

Like as the Hart

Text: Psalm 42:1-3

Music: Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

The Eighth Tune

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



The Communion Vessels

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

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Sanctus

Hirten

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, Ho - san - na in the high-est, Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high-est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, Ho - san - na
in the high-est, Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
Ho - san - na in the high-est.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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 savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

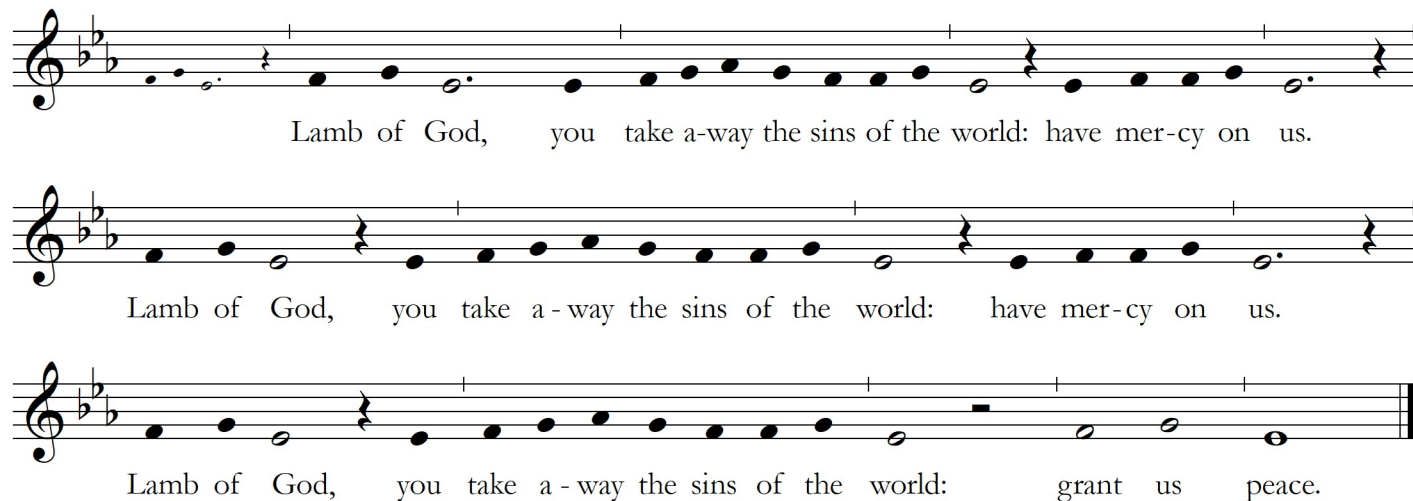
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Hirten



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.

The Holy Communion: *You are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion

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

If you require gluten free bread, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any mobility concerns alert the usher. Clergy will bring communion to you.

Prayers for Healing are available prior to, or after receiving communion.

A minister will be available to the right of the stage/chancel area.

1 A long lost
2 The lit - tle
3 The fish - er
4 Let ev - ery -

lamb is in the fold, a wo - man's coin re -
man who climbed a tree has found a friend at
man who turned a - way re - ceives an - oth - er
one who suf - fers now from guilt and deep de -

tried a way - ward son is home a -
last, a wo - man with her cup of
chance. A Phar - i - see has seen the
spair re - turn un - to the house of

gain, most lov - ing - ly re - ceived.
tears has put be - hind her past.
light and mourns his ar - ro - gance. Good news! It's
God, for love a - waits you there.

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time to ce - le - brate with friends who ga - ther round. —

— So God re - joic - es, Je - sus said, when -

e'er the lost is found! — 2 The found! —
3 The
4 Let

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

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

The Solemn Prayer Over the People

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

Hymn 149

Eternal Lord of love

Old 124th

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here—the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.



The Ambry

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

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: George and Malinda Collier, Sam Shute, Anne Kambourian, Jennifer McCauley, Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juetta Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Mary McLenigan, Robert McLenigan, Jean Owen and family, Sally Kye, Daniela and her family, Vanessa Clemons, Conor, Louis Morris, Candace Franco, Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Debbie Abernathy, Jeffrey Matthews, Sandra Painter, Frank Eberly and family, Ron, Pam, John Golden III, Kathy, Barbara Taylor, Corey Sims, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially John Lamberta, Caitlin Francis, Douglas D'Urso, Penny Adams, and Bobbie Aiken.

Those who have died:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of Incarnation, Mineral; St. George's, Fredericksburg; St. Michael's, Arlington, and St. Paul's, Hanover.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry within the faith community.

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

--Sharon Pearson

Basic Liturgies

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

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

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite | - The Offertory |
| - The Lessons & Sermon | - The Eucharistic Prayer |
| - The Creed | - The Lord's Prayer |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread |
| - The Peace | - Holy Communion |
| | - The Post-Communion Prayer |
| | - Blessing and Dismissal |

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

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

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

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

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

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

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

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

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

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