



St Mark's

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**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 Rite 2 Year A**

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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“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

Holy Week Services:

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 29th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:

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

Good Friday, April 3rd:

Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm

The Great Vigil, Saturday April 4th:

Service at 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 5th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

Land Acknowledgement

“We recognize and remember the First Nations, the native people who were removed from this portion of God’s creation by force. These nations/tribes in Virginia include the Powhatan, the Chickahominy, the Monocan, the Arrohateck, the Nottoway, and other nations/tribes whose contributions we’ve lost. We recognize and remember enslaved Native Americans, and enslaved Africans and their descendants, separated from their families by force, and who lived under horrific conditions to help build this country. May we always remember that the earth does not belong to us but is a gift from God. May God’s grace and wisdom lead us from our past mistakes to become instruments of justice and peace for all people.”

- Written by the Native American/Indigenous Ministries in the Diocese of Virginia, July 2023, for the Diocesan Offices in Richmond, Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia

Preparing for Worship

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

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

"If You But Trust In God To Guide You," BWV 642

J. S. Bach

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 149

Eternal Lord of Love

St. Flavian

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. God.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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 in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system features a vocal line with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." and a piano accompaniment. The second system features a vocal line with the lyrics "Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

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: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 17:1-7

Karen Hardison

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Come, let us sing to the *Lord*;
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our *salvation*.
 Let us come before his presence with *thanksgiving*
 and raise a loud shout to him with *psalms*.

For the Lord is a great *God*,
 and a great King above all *gods*.
 In his hand are the caverns of the *earth*,
 and the heights of the hills are his *also*.

REFRAIN

The sea is his, for he *made it*,
 and his hands have molded the *dry land*.
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the *knee*,
 and kneel before the Lord our *Maker*.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his *hand*.
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his *voice!*
 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the *wilderness*,
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they *tempted me*.

REFRAIN

They put me to the *test*,
 though they had seen my *works*.
 Forty years long I detested that generation and *said*,
 "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my *ways*."

So I swore in my *wrath*,
 "They shall not enter into my *rest*."

REFRAIN

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 692

I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

The Pulpit

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



The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

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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.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda, Blaine & Monica for Children's Worship

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

(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.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Mike Maruca

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, Orië, Karen, Jerry, Jane, Sandra, Margie, Pam, Jane and Stuart, Ryn, the Tucker family, George, Haig and Anne, Kenneth, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Betty, Lisette, Mike and Margaret, Phyllis, Marsha, Bill, Henry, Holly and Walt, the Geddes family, Natona, Eleanor and family, Tom, Paul, Maria, Judy, Phyllis, Wendy, Val, Dawn, Curtis, Kandace, Mollie, Janice, John, Jim, Terri, Everette, Jennifer, Mary, Robert, Sally, Louis, Andrew and Gretchen, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, Elizabeth and David, 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 Elizabeth, Brenda, Juno, Orié, and those celebrating anniversaries.

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

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.*



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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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hirten

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.**

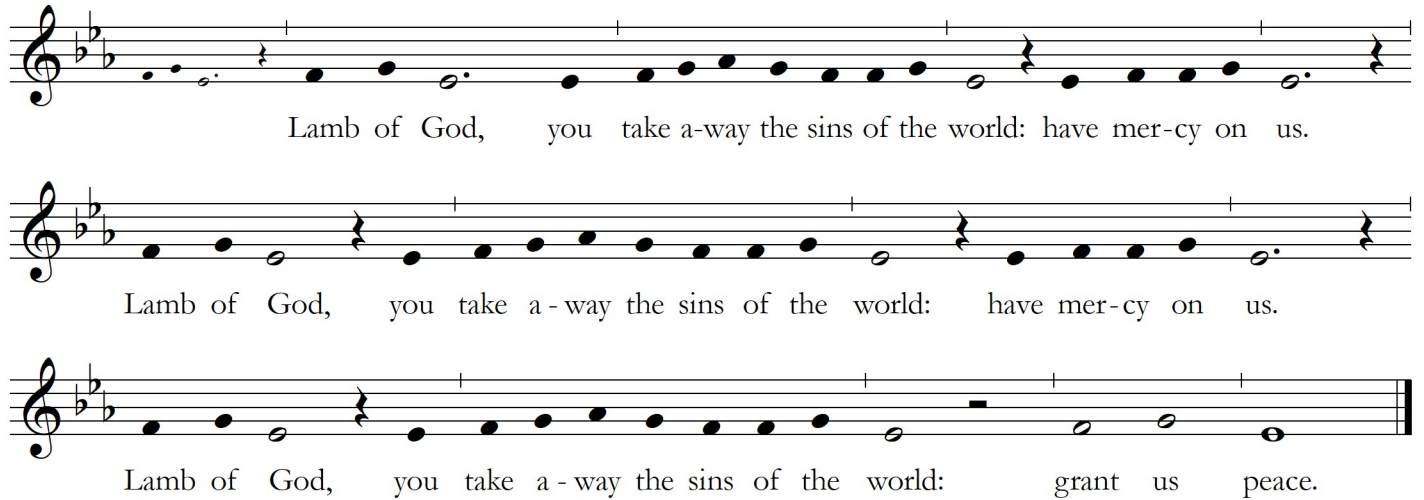
The Breaking of the Bread

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 chancel area. In this healing space, confidentiality is honored for all shared prayer requests. Disclosures of potential harm to yourself or others, or suspected abuse, require reporting to the proper authorities to ensure safety and well-being for all. Should you desire further counseling, you may set up an appointment with our clergy who can assist you in finding support.

Sanford Eberly, baritone

Child Jesus in his garden fair
Red roses grew that were his care.
He watered them with love each day
To make them charming, bright, and gay.

The roses blossom'd fair to see,
When Juda's children rude and free,
Tore ev'ry flow'r from branches there,
And left the boughs all nude and bare.

“How wilt Thou weave Thyself a crown,
Now that the roses all are gone?”
“The thorns are left,” Child Jesus said,
“The thorns are left to crown my head.”

So of the thorns a crown was made
And rudely on his head was laid,
Lo, on his brow, all torn and red,
For roses drops of blood instead.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

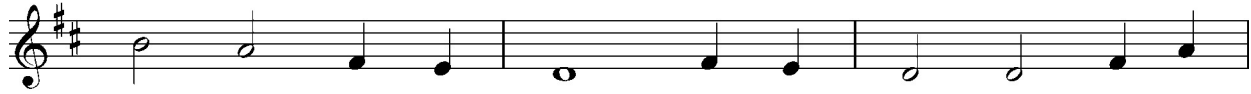
***All:* Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness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

The Solemn Prayer Over the People

Presider: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



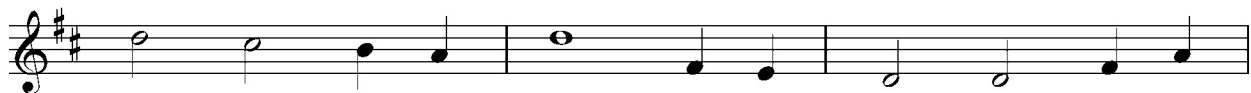
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Let there be light"

Theodore Dubois

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.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Orie Bullard II, Karen Hardison, Jerry Truman, Jane Elbert, Rev. Dr. Sandra Levy-Mix, Margie Costas, Pam Dummitt, Jane and Stuart Settle, Ryn Kennedy, the Tucker family, George Summers, Haig and Anne Kambourian, Kenneth Decker, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Mike and Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Marsha Iverson, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Henry, Holly and Walt Geddes and the Geddes family, Natona, Eleanor Velez and family, Tom Johnson, Paul, Maria, Judy Hardman, Phyllis, Wendy Christiana, Val Lipari, Dawn Bitler, Curtis, Kandace, Mollie, Janice Wise, John O'Shea, Jim Thompson, Terri Humel, Everette Beach, Jennifer Downey, Mary McLenigan, Robert McLenigan, Sally Kye, Louis Morris, Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died:

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Elizabeth Spanel, Brenda Sargent, Juno Taffs, and Orie Bullard.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregation and clergy of St. Paul's, Haymarket; St. George's, Fredericksburg, and Christ Church, Winchester.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all who seek God on behalf of others; for pastors, ministers, missionaries, lay leaders, congregants, intercessors, and other servants of Christ.

Names on the extended family and friends prayer list will remain for three months unless longer is requested. Please contact the office with any changes.

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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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