

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 21, 2021



MORNING PRAYER  
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**Prelude**                    *O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan.*                    BWV 622

O man, thy grievous sin bemoan,  
For which Christ left His Father's throne,  
From highest heaven descending.  
Of Virgin pure and undefiled  
He here was born, our Saviour mild,  
For sin to make atonement.  
The dead He raised to life again.  
The sick He freed from grief and pain.  
Until the time appointed  
That He for us should give His Blood,  
Should bear our sins' o'erwhelming load,  
The shameful Cross enduring.

Prayer and meditation are practices often neglected in our modern world. The divine length of this chorale prelude leads us through a labyrinth of timeless reflection and mystery. The chorale melody, transformed through ornamentation, interprets the unfathomable meaning of the text as only the language of music can.

## Welcome and announcements

Blessed be God: Father, [+]Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, "I will confess my sins unto the Lord."

**And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

May the Lord be on our lips and in our hearts, that we may truly and humbly confess our sins...

*[kneeling or sitting, silently reflecting]*

**Hymn #1017 ELW**

*Come to Me, O weary Traveler*

Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me, and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Rest in me, O weary trav'ler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence.

**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation:

**And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn #319 ELW**

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

1. O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
2. You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal word.

3. Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
4. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

O Lord, open my lips: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give glory to God, our light and our life:

**O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hands are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Scripture readings**

#### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not

be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-12 (BCP 51:1-13)** *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

**John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

**Hymn** #759 ELW *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt  
away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

The Lord be with you: **And also, with you.**

Let us pray. Mighty God of glory, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of the risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially do we thank you-  
for the sustaining goodness of your creation...  
for the new creation in Christ, and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...  
for the gifts of community with others...  
for the communion of faith in your church...  
for light in our darkness...hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray-  
for those who govern the nations of the world, especially the new President and Congress of this nation...  
for people in places ravaged by strife or warfare...  
for all who work to bring peace and justice...  
for all who strive to save and protect the earth...  
for the church of Christ in every land...  
for those whose needs we know, especially Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, Jack, John, Eddie... and for those who have no one else to pray for them...  
Hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**Our Father...**

**Hymn #321 ELW; #149 1982** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent: far off yet here the goal of all desire.
2. So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living in your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.
3. If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the first born of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r, so into life and glory shall we wake.

### **Concluding Prayers and Blessing**

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall

into sin or be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn #550 ELW; #687**      *On What Has Now Been Sown*

1. On what has now been sown your blessing Lord, bestow; the pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, And yours alone shall be the praise!
2. To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; accept what is your own and pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.
3. Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here, may meet together thus when you and yours appear, and follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God: Father, [+]Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Postlude**      *When Adam Fell, The Frame Entire.*      BWV 637

When Adam fell, the frame entire  
Of nature was infected;  
The source, whence came the poison dire,  
Was not to be corrected:  
The lust accursed, indulged at first,  
Brought death as its production;  
But God's free grace hath saved our race  
From misery and destruction.

But, who makes God his Hope and trust,  
Shall never be confounded:  
No Cleaver to this Rock is lost,  
Thou' ev'ry where surrounded  
With daring foes and trying woes;



His Faith yet stands unshaken.  
Who loves the Lord shall by no sword  
Or woe be overtaken.

BWV 637 illustrates Bach's ability to tell a tragic story through music. Dissonant descending leaps in the pedal symbolize Adam's tragic fall as he is overtaken by the winding chromaticism of the snake weaving itself around the choral tune. Unpredictable minor, then major cadences, at the end of each phrase capture Adam's growing confusion in the face of temptation.

## PHISHING SCAM

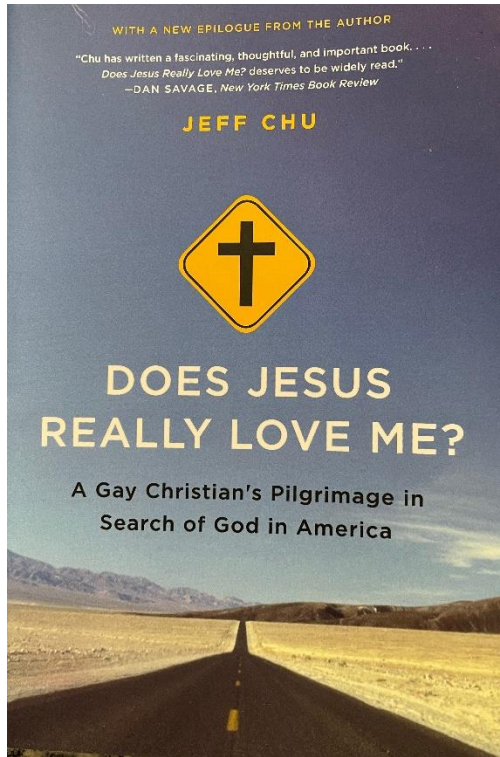


It is being reported that in the local area people purporting to be senior wardens are contacting staff and parishioners for the donation of gift cards and access to the parish directory. We assure you that no one from the church will ever be soliciting donations or supplying parish directories in this way. We will also be using contact forms on the website instead of email addresses.

## UPCOMING LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS: 4 PM FACEBOOK LIVE



March 28th - - Lenten Meditation  
April 4th - Easter Meditation  
April 11th - Easter Meditation  
April 25th - Easter Meditation



A small group at St. Mark's is planning to read *Does Jesus Really Love Me?*, and then (safely) gather to discuss it. We are planning to hold the book discussion in early/mid-April. If you are interested in participating in this Book Read, please contact Madison Day at [m.madison.day@gmail.com](mailto:m.madison.day@gmail.com).

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**HOLY WEEK**

MARCH 28TH

**PALM SUNDAY**

9 AM Facebook Live



MARCH 29TH, 30TH, & 31ST  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7 PM via ZOOM

APRIL 1ST

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

ZOOM w/ Saint Paul's

APRIL 2ND

**GOOD FRIDAY**

12 PM & 7 PM Facebook Live

APRIL 3RD

**HOLY SATURDAY**

8 PM Great Vigil of Easter  
Facebook Live & Drive-In

APRIL 4TH

**EASTER SUNDAY**

9 AM Facebook Live



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