

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 30, 2025 Year **C**

Prelude "Flûtes"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

The 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. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

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

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

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able

Opening Hymn 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing" (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*)

A Penitential Order

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sin.

Presider 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

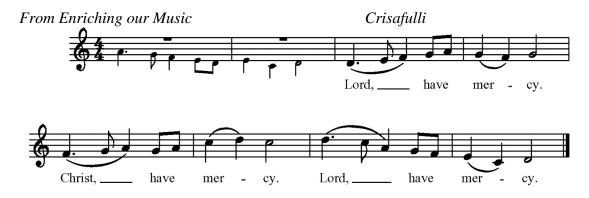
The Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider	Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
People	We confess to you, O God.
Presider	Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
People	We confess to you, O God.
Presider	For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
People	Accept our repentance, O God.
Presider	For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People	Accept our repentance, O God.
Presider	Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
People	Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Presider

May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*



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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

(In unison) 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.

The Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32	Beati quorum
1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/given, $*$	and whose sin is / put away!
2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im-/putes no guilt, $*$	and in whose spirit there / is no guile!
3 While I held my tongue, my bones / withered away, *	because of my groaning / all day long.
4 For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night; *	my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.
5 Then I acknowledged my / sin to you, *	and did not con-/ceal my guilt.
6 I said," I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord." *	Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble; $*$	when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.
8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; $*$	you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.
9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that \prime you should go; *.	I will guide you / with my eye
10 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."
11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; *	but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice / in the Lord; *.	shout for joy, all who are / true of heart
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The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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. *Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 455 "O Love of God, how strong and true" Blue 1982 Hymnal)

PresiderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.""

PresiderThe Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader As we prepare for the paschal feast in this holy season, let us lift up our prayers to God who has made us a new creation in Christ, praying, *"Have mercy, O Lord."*

For this holy gathering, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and that we rejoice in God's marvelous gifts, we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may become ministers of reconciliation in a broken world;

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre, and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray Seminario Diocesano San Pedro y San Pablo;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Amanda Cashen, Meg Kaupp, Jeanette Swallow and Beckie LaBeaume. We pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For this country, and for the community of nations, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, that the worth of every life may compel us on the way to solidarity and peace; we pray, *Have mercy*, *O Lord*.

For the hungry, homeless, oppressed, exiles, and refugees, for all who live in fear in separation of their home and families, and for all those who suffer from illness or any pain; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with the relentless demands of addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For our families, friends, and companions, and all those we love; we pray *Have mercy, O Lord*.

For those who have died and entered into the peace of your eternal light especially Cherie Blumenkamp, and for those who grieve; we pray, *Have mercy, O Lord.*

The Presider offers this concluding collect

Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. *Amen.*

The Peace All stand as able

Presider	The peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ. Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Just as I Am"

Richard DeLong (1951-1994)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down, Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, Here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Text: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) © E.C. Schirmer, 1994.

Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider	May 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Presider and PeopleHoly, Holy, HolyHymnal S124HurdHoly, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *People* We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of

The Presider continues

his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Presider Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

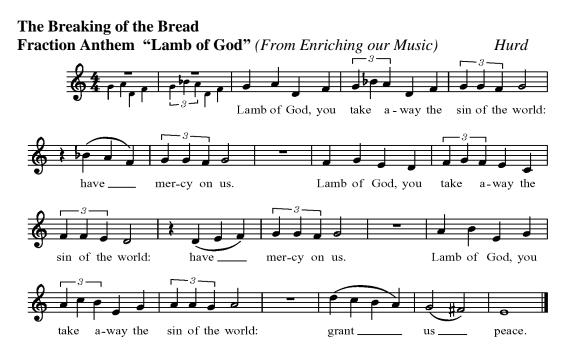
God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

The Presider then continues

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

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.



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The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please let the priest know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 309 "O Food to pilgrims given" (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Prayer after Communion

PresiderGod is with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderTogether let us pray

Presider and People

Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Dismissal

PresiderOur worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into theworld to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

"Dialogue sur les grand jeux"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Margaret Hvatum Usher: Amanda Cashen Greeter: Diane Nienkemper Altar Guild: Tom Bradley Chalice Bearers: Marilyn Wiethop/Jonathan Robards Livestream: Lucy DanieleyCrucifer: Jonathan Robards Godly Play: Jeffery

ANNOUNCEMENTS Play and Pray!

Here at St. Mark's we have a special place in the back of the nave for the youngest people in our community. Thanks to the hospitality of our parish, this little space has provided a soft place for children to play and participate in worship. This spring, we will work together to bring new life to our children's corner, refreshing the space with new furniture, books, and activities to enhance our children's faith experience at church. Thrivent Financial has graciously gifted us \$250 of seed money to work on this project, and together with your donations we are sure to create a welcoming space with nurtures our little ones' faith! Check out the link to the registry below and consider contributing to St. Mark's Prayground! View St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Gift List or see Reverend Delaney.

Take me out to the Ballgame

The 40 Cardinals tickets for the game vs Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday April 27 at 1:15 pm have arrived. I will bring them Thursday and Sunday to church for people to pick up. Although the Cardinals originally told me the tickets would be \$20 each, their "flexible pricing policy" means the price actually went down to \$15.15 each. Please bring either cash or a check made out to Margaret Hvatum for the number of tickets you ordered. I put the tickets on my personal credit card, which is why you are reimbursing me rather than St Mark's. I still have two extra tickets, so if you want them please let me know as soon as possible. These tickets are in rows 11 and 12 of Section 361. There is an elevator and an escalator near the stadium main entrance that go up to this level. Kids 3 and under are free. All other fans pay the same price. Fans 16 and older who arrive early get a free Cardinals beach umbrella. Also, there is \$5 beer available at the Budweiser Terrace level 4 in Right Field before the first pitch. And you can bring in your own empty water bottle and fill it for free inside the stadium.-Margaret Hvatum

Morning Prayer and neighborhood walks

This year, St. Mark's is marking Lent with time spent in our neighborhood. Every Thursday at 10am, beginning March 6, we will meet in the historic sanctuary for Morning Prayer before heading outside for a neighborhood walk.

Join Delaney+ in noticing God's activity in our community. All are welcome to join St. Mark's in our Lenten discipline!

EASTER DECORATIONS AND THE ST. CECELIA MUSIC FUND

Please consider a donation towards Easter Decorations and/or the St. Cecelia Music Fund. Contribution sheets are located in the insert. You may email the form to the Parish Office (or call it in) and checks can be mailed to the office or dropped in the offering plate next time you're at church. You may also give online at Tithley.com. Just go to our website <u>https://www.saintmarks-stl.org/</u> and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the homepage (be sure to designate your donation to the "Landscape/Flowers Fund" or "Music Fund" using the drop-down menu.) Be sure to email or call the office with the names of those you wish to honor in the Easter leaflets. Decoration contributions will help pay for Easter flowers and greens. Contributions to the St. Cecelia Music Fund help support special music during our Christmas and Easter services. Please have all entries in to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 16th.

Choir Call

If you enjoy singing but aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us for Holy Week and Easter. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will sing for the services on Palm Sunday (4/13), Maundy Thursday (4/17), Good Friday (4/18), and Easter (4/20). If you'd like to sing with us for some or all of these services, please be in touch with Barbara Raedeke (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

REGISTER TODAY FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER - All St. Markans (from the youngest to the oldest) are invited to participate in this global feeding ministry at 1:30 PM on May 4th at Emmanuel. REGISTER at this link:

<u>https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000Ncf9nIAB</u> If you would like to provide additional financial support, you can send a check made payable to St. Mark's with Rise Against Hunger in the memo line. If you have any questions or difficulty registering, please contact Deacon Jerre. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre, and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

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We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Yulia Borjte, Joan Cap, John Carroll, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Michelle Dever, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Don Frank, Carol Garbs, Tom Gard, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, David Greenwalt, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Rob Heritage, Damaris Hernández, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Cindy Hooks, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Richard Liermann, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Marian, Jim, Baby Ameila.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Amanda Cashen, Meg Kaupp, Jeanette Swallow and Beckie LaBeaume.

We pray for those who have died especially Cherie Blumenkamp.

The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Danieley

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Noah Johnson, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Shawn Russell, Logan Smith.

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