

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

*March 27, 2023 6:00PM*

## **Holy Eucharist Rite I**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
*People* *His mercy endureth for ever.*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Decalogue: Traditional**

God spake these words, and said:  
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,*  
*and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,*  
*and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,*  
*and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,*  
*and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,*  
*and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

### ***Trisagion***

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

### **The Gloria**

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*The Lord be with you.  
People And with thy spirit.  
Celebrant Let us pray.*

O Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

#### **A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning

by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 70** *Deus, in adjutorium*

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over  
me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

### **A Reading from Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

### **John 13:21-32**

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.

Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival” or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon**                      **The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,*

*and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men and women: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ketlen, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

## **Prayer for Guidance during our Discernment Process**

*Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide the Discernment Committees, Vestries, and people of St. Francis-in-the Fields and St. Mark's through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas; so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.*

*Empower each and every member of the Discernment Committees to use their gifts for ministry to the fullest; to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy.*

*Finally, instill in all the people of St. Mark's and St. Francis in-the-Fields a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in love — with warm hearts, enlightened minds and open arms— so that we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling or standing.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Priest says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People *And with thy spirit.*

*Then the Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O God,  
*People* *And of your own have we given you.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And with thy spirit.*  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* *It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Sanctus*

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us To make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and Precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful  
Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold  
and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather  
up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord  
whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore,  
gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee  
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the  
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of  
thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very  
members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the  
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,  
through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly  
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy  
grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do  
all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the  
Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
Amen.*

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be  
amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*



From *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*  
“Prayer for Guidance during our Discernment Process”  
adapted from “Rector Search Committee Prayer,”  
Christ Church, Winnetka, IL

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at  
this time please pray the following:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed  
Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and  
Thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you  
above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot  
receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come  
spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with  
your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from  
you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the  
life to come. Amen.*

If you would like to support the ministries of St. Mark's, please  
go to the “Donate” page of our website  
( <https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/give-to-support-st-marks-and-its-ministries/> ) to see the many ways that you can contribute  
and make your donation by Paypal or credit card. Pledge  
payments also can be made online through the “Donate” page.

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service.*