

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025 YEAR C

Prelude “O God, Thou Faithful God”

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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 150 “Forty days and forty nights”

(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 Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People ***We confess to you, O God.***

Deacon 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.***

Deacon 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.***

Deacon 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.***

Deacon 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.***

From *Enriching our Music*

Crisafulli

Lord, ___ have mer - cy.

Christ, ___ have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy.

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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) Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;

the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

(see next page)

The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn 529 "In Christ there is no East or West" *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

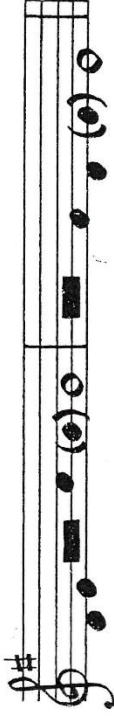
The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by

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Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High, *
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my / stronghold, *
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your / refuge, *
- 10 There shall no evil happen / to you, *
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge / over you, *
- 12 They shall bear you / in their hands, *
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and / adder; *
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I de- / liver him; *
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will / answer him; *
- 16 With long life will I / satisfy him, *

abides under the shadow of / the Almighty.

my God in whom I / put my trust."

and the Most High your / habitation,

neither shall any plague come / near your dwelling.

to keep you in / all your ways.

lest you dash your foot a / gainst a stone.

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- / der your feet.

I will protect him, because he / knows my Name.

I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring / him to honor.

and show him / my salvation.

bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: 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 In this holy season, let us turn to God in prayer, saying, ***“Have mercy, O Lord.”***

We pray for this holy gathering, and that we, who have found God’s promise in the waters of baptism, may be led by the Spirit to hunger for the word of life; we pray, ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may as one share in the death and resurrection of Christ;

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 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Ladue; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision San Judas Tadeo in Aibonito;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Diane Nienkemper, Carol Garbs and Naomi Mehta. We pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, that all may strive for mercy, justice, and peace, and for all peoples of the earth who share God’s covenant of peace, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the hungry, homeless, and the oppressed; for all immigrants and refugees, all those who live in fear of their homes and families, and for all those who suffer from illness and their caregivers; 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 passed into your eternal light beyond our earthly life,
especially Edoardo Bellotti and Jim Blum; 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 "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

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O Bread of Life from heaven,
To saints and angels given,
O Manna from above!

The souls that hunger, feed thou,
The hearts that seek thee, lead thou,
With thy sweet, tender love.

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 People

Holy, Holy, Holy Hymnal S124 Hurd

***Holy, 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 his coming.***

The Presider continues

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem “Lamb of God” (From *Enriching our Music*) *Hurd*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
have ___ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have ___ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant _____ us _____ peace.

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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 147 “Now let us all with one accord” *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

Prayer after Communion

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together 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 142 “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

(Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude “Chacone in G Minor”

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Matthew Cashen *Usher:* Diane Nienkemper *Greeter:* Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Tom Bradley *Chalice Bearer:* Greg Diekemper

Livestream: Ben Cashen *Crucifer:* Jonathan Robards *Godly Play:* Mehta

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Danieley	Priest Associate		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advocacy Coffee Hour

This Sunday St. Mark's will include opportunities for advocacy at coffee hour! Priest Associate Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieleley will share about what advocacy means and how channeling our compassion into efforts like letter writing relates to following Jesus. As we put our faith into action, we remember the gift of ideological diversity in the body of Christ, and we consider which issues relate to our Baptismal call to "strive for justice and peace among all people." Stick around after worship and join us in the fellowship hall to learn more and put our faith in action!

Advocacy Coffee Hour will take place during coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join in this opportunity to learn more and engage our faith in new ways.

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!

Pipes for Parkinson's

On Monday, March 17, at 7:30 pm St. Mark's will host an organ recital co-sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the American Parkinson's Disease Association. The concert will feature six members of the American Guild of Organists performing a varied program of organ music. The recital is open to the public, and admission is free. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the American Parkinson's Disease Association. Please come and hear beautiful music played on our wonderful organ, and bring your friends and family. It will be an enjoyable evening!

Lenten Book Study

This Lent, our diocese will gather on Zoom for Tuesday evening discussions of "The Love that is God: An invitation to Christian Faith" by Fredrick Christian Bauerschmidt. Check out the link below for more info, and purchase the book here: [The Love That Is God](https://www.eerdmans.com/9780802877956/the-love-that-is-god/) <https://www.eerdmans.com/9780802877956/the-love-that-is-god/>

**Please note we will skip Tuesday, April 1, 2025. No joke!

<https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/2025-lenten-book-study>



Take me out to the Ballgame

St. Mark's is having a group outing to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday April 27th. Game starts at 1:15pm. The first 20,000 fans 16 and older will take home a City Connect golf umbrella and Ice Cream Sundays has free frozen treats in Ford Plaza at Prairie Farms Ice Cream Sundays! Tickets will be \$20 per person.

Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Contact Margaret Hvatum for more information.

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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, Cherie Blumenkamp, Tom Bradley, 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, 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.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Diane Nienkemper, Carol Garbs and Naomi Mehta.

We pray for those who have died especially Edoardo Bellotti and Jim Blum.

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.