

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026 YEAR A

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude: Two Chorale Preludes Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (Hymn 701)
“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” (Hymn 635)

The Penitential Rite

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People ***Who bears our burdens and forgives our sin. Amen.***

Presider Blessed be our God.

People ***Now and for ever. Amen.***

Presider Blessed be our God, who redeems our lives from the grave,

People ***And crowns us with steadfast love and mercy. Amen.***

Presider Blessed be our God, who leads us besides still waters.

People ***Blessed be our God for we shall not want.***

Presider Blessed be our God, who restores our souls.

People ***Blessed be our God our shepherd and guide.***

Presider Blessed be our God, who walks with us through the valleys of the shadow of death.

People ***Blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen.***

Presider Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People ***for we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.***

Presider Create in us a clean heart, O God,

People ***and make us a new creation. Amen.***

Presider “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8,9

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able

Opening Hymn 411 “O bless the Lord, my soul!”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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.***

Kyrie Hymnal S98

Mathias

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

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

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

Psalm 130 *see next page*

The Epistle: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

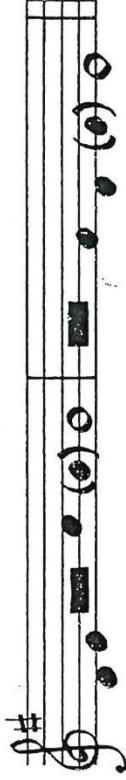
Sequence Hymn 512 “Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Psalm 130

De profundis

TONE II



Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in

the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jerre Birdsong

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: Let us declare our faith in God.

The Nicene Creed: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language)

We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ is worshiped and glorified; who 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 God gives flesh to the dry bones of the dead. As we prepare for the paschal feast, let us earnestly beseech God to breathe on all creatures and call them out of the tomb, praying, ***“Have mercy, O Lord.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may seek new life in Christ;
For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Barnabus Episcopal Church in Florissant;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Anglican Church of Korea;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Ministerio Juvenil Episcopal;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Sandra Olmsted, Teresa Danieley and Amanda Cashen. We pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For all nations and families of the earth, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, for this country, and for all our leaders that they may govern with truth, wisdom, justice, and mercy; for an end to war; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the hungry and victims of greed and oppression; for immigrants and refugees, for those held in detention, and for all those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families; we pray,

Have mercy, O Lord.

For the poor and homeless and those who live without hope, the downtrodden and outcasts, for our enemies, and for an end to our hardness of heart; we pray,
Have mercy, O Lord.

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, illness, 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 all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ, who triumphs over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance; 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

Children's Time

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Psalm 130”

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord hear my voice. Let Thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope; my soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord, for with The Lord there is mercy, and with Him is redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.***

Eucharistic Prayer

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.***

People ***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

Sanctus and Benedictus 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.

Presider 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.”

Presider 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.***

Presider 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. 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.**

Presider 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.

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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Invitation to Communion

Presider Draw near with hope and with wonder. Receive the life of Christ, the Bread of Heaven, and the Cup of Salvation poured out in love for you.

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)

Post Communion Prayer

After the Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Presider God is with you.

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

Presider Together, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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 “Go forth for God”

see next page

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 “Suite Médiévale: Prélude Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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Closing Hymn "Go forth for God"

Genevan Psalter



1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's



cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our



dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's



face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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GENEVA 124

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Creed prepared by the Rt. Rev. Deon K Johnson

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Roger Robards

Usher: Marilyn Wiethop

Greeter: Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Tom Bradley

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Crucifer: Scott Thompson

Chalice: Susan Goen/Scott Thompson

Godly Play: Robards

Coffee Hour: Marilyn Wiethop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event – Volunteers Needed!

On Sunday, April 26, Emmanuel will host our annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event. Rise Against Hunger will deliver the food supplies in bulk, and together we will package them into smaller meal bags that will be distributed to communities in need around the world. Our goal this year is to package 30,000 meals, and we need your help to reach it! This meaningful service opportunity is open to all ages and abilities; everyone can participate. There are several ways to get involved:

- April 25: Help receive food supplies and set up for the event 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
- April 26: 1st Shift - Meal packaging 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- April 26: 2nd Shift - Meal packaging 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- April 26: Event cleanup 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Please sign up using the link below for whichever shift (or shifts) work best for your schedule. <https://riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000oOFh8IAG> The signup link also includes an option to make a monetary donation to help fund this event. Please consider contributing to help offset the cost to Emmanuel and support this important mission. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Easter Decorations and the St. Cecilia Fund Donations

Please consider a donation towards Easter Decorations and/or the St. Cecilia Music Fund. Contribution sheets can be found in the back of the church. Turn into the office or drop in the offering plate next time you're at church. You may also give online at Tithley.com. Just go to our website <https://www.saintmarks-stl.org/> 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. Cecilia Music Fund help support special music during our Christmas and Easter services. Please have all entries in to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 1st.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper



Soup
Supper

On Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, we will be having a Soup Supper at 5:30 prior to the 7pm Service. We are looking for volunteers to bring soup and also to help with Set-up and Clean-up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact Susan Goen for more information.

Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code below using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.

Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjite, Canon Desiree Brattin, Steve Chamberlin, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, the McLean, Haggerty, and Casey families, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Gene Wilberg, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Sandra Olmsted, Teresa Danieley and Amanda Cashen.

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

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
		Frankie Danieley	Nursery Assistant

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (3/29), Maundy Thursday (4/2), Good Friday (4/3), and Easter (4/5). 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! Barbara Raedeke

Take me out to the Ballgame 2

St. Mark's at the Ballpark is happening again this year. The game will be the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Kansas City Royals on Sunday May 17th. Game starts at 1:15pm. Tickets will be \$20-\$25 per person (based on interest). Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Contact Margaret Hvatum for more information.

Playground Task Force

We are reigniting the conversation about installing a Playground on St. Mark's property. If you would like to be part of that conversation, please sign-up in the Parish Hall. **No commitment required.**

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hours will continue into April. A special Saturday Coffee Hour is next on April 18th, for those of you who can't come during the week. Join Delaney+ for some fellowship and refreshments.

Feed My People Manna March

On Sunday, April 12th, Feed My People will be having a 1-mile walk to fight against hunger. The event takes place at Jefferson Barracks Park at the Gold Star Pavilion (345 North Rd). The walk takes place between 1pm and 3pm. Walker registration is \$30 and includes lunch and a T-shirt. To register go to Feed-My-People.org.

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by April 8, 2026

Pickup on April 19, 2026

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 9 So. Bompart



Holy Week 2026

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00am with Rt. Rev. Deon
K Johnson, Bishop Diocesan

April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Soup Supper
7:00pm Worship

April 3, 2026 Good Friday

12:00pm Worship
7:00pm Worship

April 4, 2026 Easter Vigil

7:30pm Sundown Worship
Beginning on the Plaza

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

10:00am Worship and breakfast

