



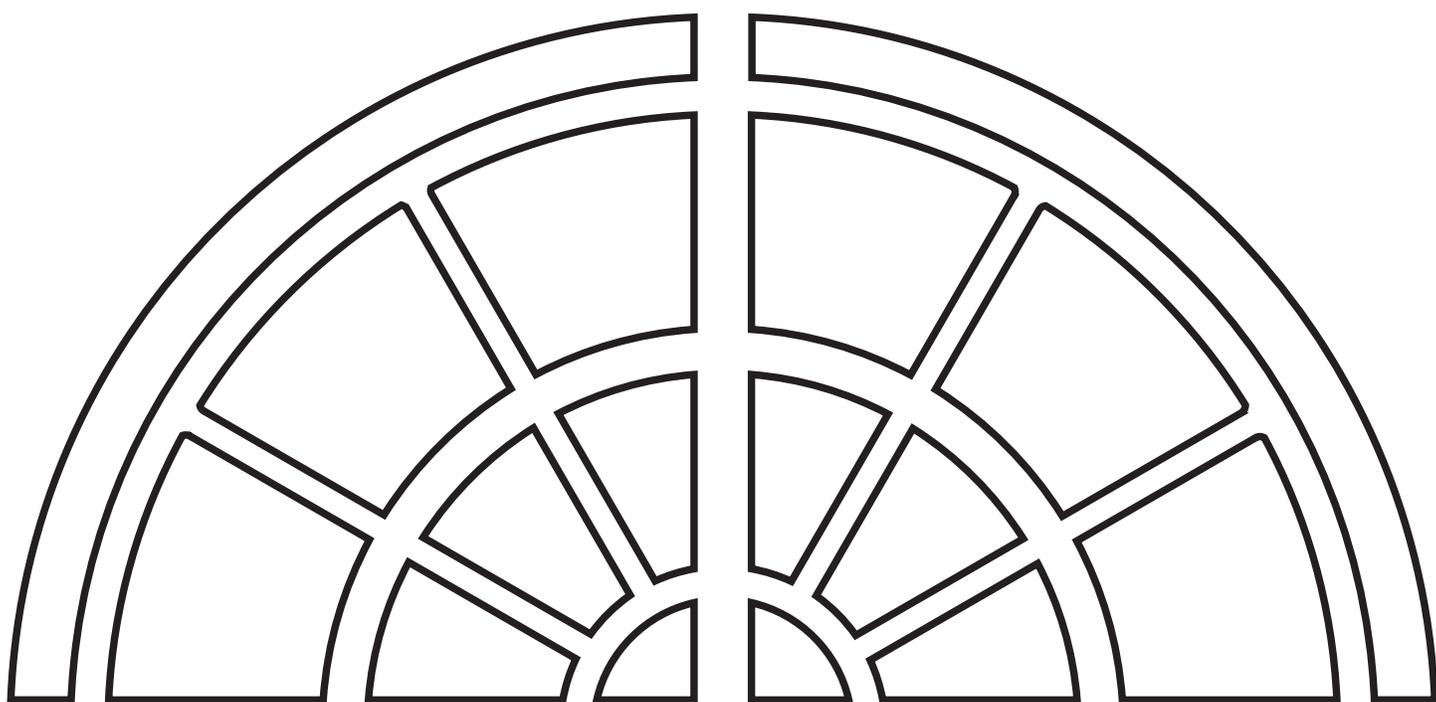
SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018

8:00 AM



*Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark's welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.*

*Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.*

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Presider & Preacher*

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Christe, du Lamm Gottes*, BWV 619  
["O Christ, Lamb of God"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*A bell rings periodically, calling us to silence and prayer.*

*As the opening hymn is introduced, all rise as able.*

**HYMN 686** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #686*  
stanzas 1 & 3

TUNE: *Nettleton*

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

### LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*Assembly* **His mercy endureth forever.**

*The Presider reads a sentence from scripture.*

### CONFESSION

*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 320

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.*

*Presider* Almighty and most merciful Father,

**All** we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,**  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 324*

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Assembly* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 167*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUS 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**READING**

*Numbers 21:4–9*

**F**ROM Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 ♦ read by all in unison*

*Confitemini Domino*

**G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

**READING**

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

**Y**OU were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *John 3:14-21*

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

*Assembly* **Glory be to Thee, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

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*All rise as able.*

**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.

*After each petition, the Assembly responds: **Lord, hear our prayer***

**THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 332*

*The Presider reads sentences of scripture.*

**THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*All rise as able as the bread, wine, and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 340*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Assembly* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* 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. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fulness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All 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.**

*Presider* 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.

*All* AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 336*

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

*All* **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.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*Assembly* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **grant us thy peace.**

*All* 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* 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.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*

- ◆ *You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive communion.*
- ◆ *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.*
- ◆ *Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip it in the wine and feed you.*
- ◆ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

**PRAYER OVER THE ASSEMBLY** *The Presider prays over the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

**HYMN 302** *Father, we thank thee* ◆ *The Hymnal 1982 #302*

TUNE: *Rendez à Dieu*

**DISMISSAL** *The Presider dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

**VOLUNTARY** *Christus, der uns selig macht, BWV 620*  
 ["Christ, who makes us blessed"]

J.S. Bach

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