



The Second Sunday in Lent

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • March 1, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend John Kennedy

Preacher: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Assisting: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Opening Organ Voluntary

Fantasia (Fantasia & Fugue, C minor, BWV 537)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 147

“Now let us all with one accord”

1. Now let us all, with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.
2. The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.
3. Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.
4. Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your name to be betrayed.
5. Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. Praise the Lord, 1972, alt.
Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

The Penitential Order

Book of Common Prayer 355

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

Celebrant 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 Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Collect of the Day *The people stand, as able*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *All may sit*

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and

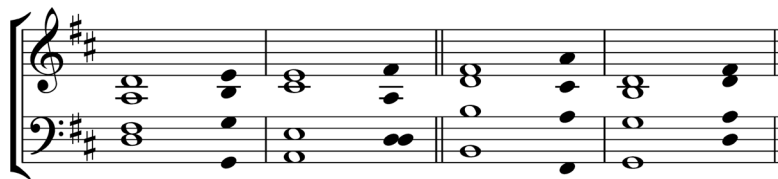
the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *(To be sung by congregation and choir. ✓ = take a breath.)*



Chant by Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the / hills; *
from where is my help to / come?
- ² My help comes from the / Lord, *
the maker of heaven and / earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be / moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall a-/sleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel *
shall neither slumber nor / sleep;
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches / over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your / right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
nor the moon by / night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all / evil; *
it is he who shall keep you / safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming / in, *
from this time forth for ever-/more.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents

of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Trisagion

Sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you

do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

The people stand, as able.

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.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering...
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection...
and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark, and of all the saints, let us commend
ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.”
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City,
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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help us connect with you.



To give to St. Mark's
please scan the QR code.
We thank you for
your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

God so loved the world

John Goss (1800-1880)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the
world through him might be saved. [Words, John 3:16-17]

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Setting from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b.1950)

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation *(spoken)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.

Setting: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Celebrant 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.

The Ministration of Communion

During the Communion (Choir)

Psalm 121 Anglican chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Soloists: Kitty Drugge, soprano; Jonathon Moon, tenor

The words can be found on page 473, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Hymn 148 (choir)

“Creator of the earth and skies”

Post-Communion Prayer (*said together*)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

People **We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go
may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing

People **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 448

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals’ sake!
2. For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
4. For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.
5. For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6. All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go and make disciples who live
a deeper life in Christ
a more holy communion with one another and
a greater love for the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Organ Voluntary

Fugue (Fantasia & Fugue, C minor, BWV 537)

J. S. Bach

Ned's Notes: Our **Opening and Closing Organ Voluntaries** are the two movements of Bach's great *Fantasia and Fugue, C minor*, composed in 1723. This work is more restrained, even perhaps somber, compared to his other works of the same name or genre: the *Fantasia* is not unlike in feeling to movements of his great settings

of the Passion of Our Lord (St. John and St. Matthew), but is unlike its counterparts in that there is no flourish, no virtuosic passages. The *Fugue* is in strict Bachian "counterpoint" (fugal writing according to his rules), but he manages to hold our attention from start to finish.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Jennifer Dalipi, Cassia Ward

Intercessor: Dean Davis

Greeters: Jeff & Lise Leist

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, Joe Leo, Paul Reiss, Eric Thunem, George Wright

Chalice Ministers: Laura Davis, Erik Luchs, Amanda Sutton, Kerry Robinson, Deb Luchs

Acolytes: Sadie Cerone, Erik Roomet, Merritt Hopkins

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choirs and Soloists

Flower Guild

Altar Guild: Mayme Walsh, Jill Ernst, Beth Kinney, Emily Morgan, Joanne Renwick, Cindy Tye

Coffee Hour: Emily & James Morgan

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 1, 2026 • The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Mark's. We are a community of love formed by the grace of God.

Together we seek to follow the spiritual practices of a Jesus-centered life. We hope that you will join us as we seek a deeper life in Christ, a more holy communion with one another, and a greater love for the world.

You can find more information on our website: www.stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Weekly Worship

Worship and Program Schedule

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8AM In the Chapel

9AM Outdoors

10AM Indoors & live-streamed

Weekday Morning Prayer via Zoom

Monday-Friday • 8:30AM • Morning Prayer Rite II

Praying of the Rosary

Wednesday at 8:45AM via conference call

Call in: 978.990.5000 (access code: 811368)

Today's Guest Speaker: The Rev. (Deacon) Donald F. Burr



TODAY at 11:30AM in the Library

Archdeacon Donald Burr will share about local needs and the ministry of Laundry Love.

Available Spots for Harlem Jazz Night & Cultural Heritage Tour

A few spots have opened up for our Harlem Jazz Night on Friday, March 13 and Cultural Heritage Tour of Harlem on Saturday, March 14. **Please scan the corresponding QR code if you'd like to go.**



Friday



Saturday

What's Happening in Lent?

For all of the latest offerings and updates on Lent at St. Mark's, visit our website. **Scan the QR code to learn more.** You can read about several of these exciting opportunities on the following pages.



Children

Help Buy a Bike for a Rural Community

As our Lenten project, the children of the church school are collecting money to buy a bicycle (or better yet, more than one!) to send to a rural area of Africa.

By donating a bike through Episcopal Relief and Development, we will enable local volunteers to cover greater distances with lifegiving necessities for neighbors who are struggling with hunger, poverty, and disease.

Look for our collection box in the hallway outside of the Library. Then, watch us build a bike as we receive donations.



Youth

Nightwatch at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28

This Lent, St. Mark's youth (9-12th grade, as well as members of the Confirmation class) are invited to take part in Nightwatch, a one-night pilgrimage in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic Cathedral. Father John will lead the group, along with another adult chaperone.

Cost: \$200 (\$150 program fee + \$50 for food, including dinner in the city on Friday night). **Note:** Please do not purchase your own Nightwatch tickets. St. Mark's has already secured a block of tickets for our group.

Registration: Please scan the QR code below to sign up through the St. Mark's Nightwatch registration page.

Check-in at the Cathedral is 6:30–7PM on Friday, and the program concludes with breakfast on Saturday morning.

Please be in touch with Father John (jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org) with any questions or to learn more.





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An Evensong for Lent

Powell: *Preces & Responses*
(*St. James Hendersonville*)

Morley: *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis*,
plainsong/fauxbourdons

Tallis: *Remember not, O Lord God*

Howells: *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

The Choir of St. Mark's Church
Michael Burnette, organist
Edward J. Tipton, conducting

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026, AT 5PM

This is a free event.

A light reception follows the service.

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