



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II • March 22, 2026

Celebrant: The Reverend Peter F. Walsh

Preacher: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Assisting: The Reverend John Kennedy

Opening Organ Voluntary

Méditation

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Trans. Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 9 (Stz. 1, 3-6)

“Not here for high and holy things”

1. Not here for high and holy things
we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea.
3. Of faith and hope and love undimmed,
undying still through spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights,
the time there comes the breath
of dawns that rustles through the trees,
and that clear voice that saith:
4. Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.
5. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
shout with their shout of praise;
see how the giant sun roars up,
great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
and set thy soul ablaze,
6. To give and give, and give again,
what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;
to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929)
Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

The Penitential Order

Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **God's 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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice
the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything
that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

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.

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 First Reading *All may sit*

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

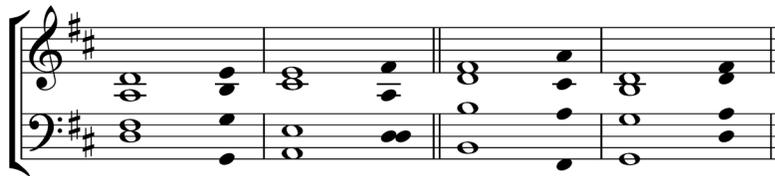
in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 (*To be sung by congregation and choir.* ✓ = take a breath.)



Chant by Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; ✓ Lord, hear my / voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-/cation.
- ² If you, Lord, were to note what is done a-/miss, *
 O Lord, ✓ who could / stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with / you; *
 therefore you shall be / feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the Lord; ✓ my soul / waits for him; *
 in his word is my / hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, ✓ more than watchmen for the / morning, *
 more than watchmen for the / morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, ✓ wait for the / Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is / mercy;
(second half of chant)
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous re-/demption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their / sins.

The Second Reading

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.

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.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since

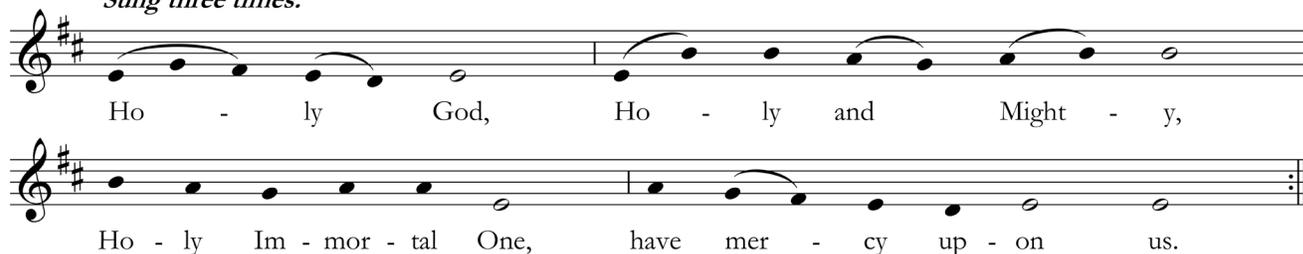
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

The Trisagion

Sung three times.



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

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

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, Saint Mark, and of all the saints, let us commend
ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, 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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To give to St. Mark's
please scan the QR code.
We thank you for
your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Kyrie eleison (from *Messe Solennelle*, Opus 16)

Louis Vierne

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

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.
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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) *Verily, verily, I say unto you* Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Verily, verily I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. [John 6:53-56]

Hymn 547 (choir) "Awake, O sleeper, rise from death"

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 411

“O bless the Lord, my soul”

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| 1. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name! | 4. He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death. |
| 2. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind. | 5. He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth. |
| 3. He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate. | 6. Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul! |

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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

Postlude (Op. 31, No. 24)

Louis Vierne

Ned's Notes: This morning, we hear works of Louis Vierne, the celebrated organist of *Notre Dame-de-Paris* (for thirty-seven years, 1900-1937). Our **Opening Organ Voluntary:** in November of 1928 Vierne recorded a series of improvisations at Notre Dame: his assistant and disciple at the time, Maurice Duruflé, transcribed three of these pieces from the original recordings, and published them in 1954. Our **Offertory Anthem** is the first movement of his *Messe Solennelle* ("Solemn Mass"), first performed

in 1901 in the Church of St. Sulpice, Paris, where his teacher, Charles-Marie Widor, was organist. Most large churches in France have two organs, the larger (the *grand orgue*) found in the rear gallery, and the smaller (the *orgue de chœur*) in the front, near the choir/altar. Vierne's original score was for choir and *two* organs. Our version, for one single organ, hints at the original: the loud organ passages were played by the *grand orgue*, and the softer sections (accompanying the choir) by the *orgue de chœur*.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lectors: Erik Luchs, Cassia Ward

Intercessor: Amanda Sutton

Ushers: Lynn Donahue, Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, John Harrison, Suzanne Harrison, David Kalal, Paul Reiss

Chalice Ministers: Duke Beecher, Amanda Sutton, Lise Leist, Erik Luchs, Deb Luchs

Acolytes: Jack Parija, Eleanor Maco, Abby Schilpp, Avery Boyce

Greeter: Viktoria Cooper

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choirs and Soloists

Flower Guild

Altar Guild: Margot Thorsheim, Amy Crane, Miki Porta, Kerry Robinson, Francie Thompson

Coffee Hour: Andrew Meaney, Emily & James Morgan

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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.stmarksnewcanan.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

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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.



Help Bring Easter Hope to Families Seeking Safety

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) of Connecticut has asked for our help in providing an Easter dinner for families living in their two safe houses. Providing this meal will brighten Easter for these individuals and their children, offering a moment of warmth, normalcy, and celebration for approximately 40 people. DVCC offers emergency safe shelter, a crisis hotline, trauma-informed counseling for children and adults, financial and legal

advocacy, housing assistance, and prevention education—wrapping families in comprehensive care during their most vulnerable moments. **Please help if you can by making a financial contribution by March 30.**



Matthew 25: Upcoming Service Opportunities

Welcoming the Stranger

Breakfast Outreach in Stamford
Saturday, March 28, 8–9AM



Help distribute breakfast and coffee to migrant day workers alongside *Building One Community*, an organization dedicated to supporting immigrant families in our region.

Scan the QR code to register.

Visiting the Prisoner

Frederick Douglass Project for Justice Prison Visit
Tuesday, May 21, 12:30-3:30PM

Location: Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, NY
This guided visit offers the opportunity for thoughtful conversation, listening, and deeper understanding through a structured program facilitated by the *Frederick Douglass Project for Justice*. The experience concludes with a shared meal and debrief alongside members of the organization.

Scan the QR code to register.



Volunteer at Laundry Love - April 1

On Wednesday, April 1, come alongside those in need to help with laundry at Giant Laundry in Norwalk (7 Rowan St, Norwalk, CT 06855). **A two-hour shift is the only commitment!** Laundry Love meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Since 2018, Laundry Love has provided a sense of dignity and empowerment to those facing financial hardship through clean clothes.

Available shifts: 1-3PM, 3-5PM, & 5-7PM.

First time serving? No problem! Experienced Laundry Love volunteers will be on hand to help. Be part of this impactful ministry inspired by our baptismal vow to respect the dignity of every human being. **For more information and to volunteer**, contact Fr. John at jkennedy@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Children

Mindful Mornings

Over the next several Sundays, each of our church school classes will have a “Mindful Morning” during regular class time.

Registered yoga instructor and church school teacher Melissa Harold will lead each class in age-appropriate exercises to help us become more fully aware of our

thoughts, senses, and surroundings. We will also consider how to routinely practice Christian values such as gratitude, kindness, and compassion, and how to become more accepting of others without judgment.

We continue today with *Godly Play 1 and 2*.

All other classes will meet as usual and we will join our families in church for communion.

Help the Church School Buy a Bike for a Rural Community



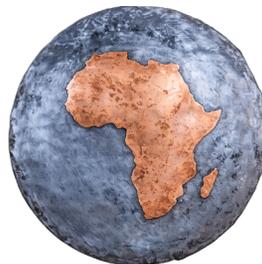
As our Lenten project, the children of the church school are raising money to buy a bicycle (or better yet, more than one) to send to a rural area of Africa.

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

Please place a donation (any amount helps) in our collection box, or scan the QR code to use a credit card. Check back as we build a bike outside Morrill Hall. As we raise funds, a new bicycle part will be added each week to track our progress. **And – if you have your eye on this bike – we’ll be auctioning it off to raise additional funds for the project.**



At the end of Lent we will report to the congregation how many bikes will go to our siblings in Africa, along with the prayers of St. Mark's.



Thank you to



for providing our model bike at cost to St. Mark's.



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Holy Week & Easter at St. Mark's

From Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter

Palm Sunday: March 29 at 8, 9, & 10AM

Maundy Thursday: April 2 at 6PM

Good Friday: April 3 at Noon & 6PM

Holy Saturday: April 4 at 8AM

Great Vigil of Easter:

April 4 at 7:30PM

Easter Sunday: April 5

Sunrise Eucharist at 7AM

Festival Choral Eucharist at 9 & 11AM

Festive Coffee Hour follows 9 & 11AM services

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30AM

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Sign Up



Andrea Mantegna, *The Agony in the Garden*

Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’” - Matthew 26:38

Choose a one-hour shift beginning on April 2 at 7PM

Spend some time in the chapel after the Maundy Thursday liturgy and through the night in response to Jesus' request to stay awake with him. It is a time for quiet prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Commit to a time and sign up for one hour during the period immediately following the Maundy Thursday liturgy until just before the Good Friday noon liturgy. We hope to have at least two people keeping watch each hour.

