

Third Sunday in Lent



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THE MISSION OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH IS TO EMBRACE DIVERSITY,
PRACTICE HOSPITALITY, AND MAKE KNOWN CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND DEED.

All worshipers are invited and welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. You may receive the wine from the common cup or by intinction. Communion will be distributed at the Communion Rail.

PARTICIPATING IN THIS LITURGY:

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Audrey Huka

Greeter

Joan Hoyle

Tellers

Joan Hoyle, Audrey Huka



Copies of our Prayer List may be found on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy and remember those persons listed in your prayers throughout the coming week.

GREETING

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P. Let us pray:
Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C. **Amen.**

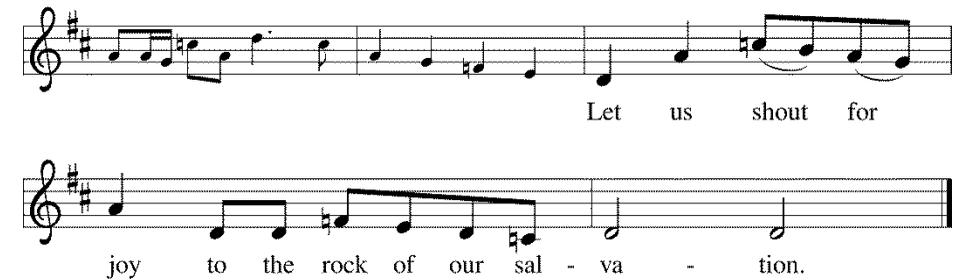
-The Assembly will please sit-

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, *%Give us water to drink.*+Moses said to them, *%Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?+³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, *%Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?+⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, *%What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.+⁵The LORD said to Moses, *%Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.+Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, *%Is the LORD among us or not?+*****

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95



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- 1 Come let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. **Refrain.**
- 3 For you, Lord, are a great God and a great ruler above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
- 4 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. **Refrain.**
- 5 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 6 For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **Refrain.**
- 7 Oh, that today you would hear God's voice! *%Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.*
- 8 There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.+ **Refrain.**
- 9 *%Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, *%The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.q**
- 10 Indeed *%I swore in my anger, *%They shall never come to my rest.q** **Refrain.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

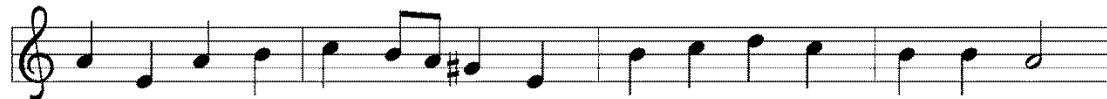
Lector: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

-The Assembly will please stand-

THE HYMN

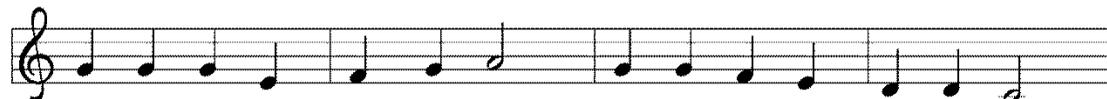
On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
 Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁸The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ⁹Jesus answered her, "You know the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹⁰The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹¹Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹²Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹³The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁴Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁵The woman answered him, "I have no husband." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁷The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet." ¹⁸Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ¹⁹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²⁰You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²¹But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²²God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²³The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). ²⁴When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁶Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking

with her?+²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹%Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?+³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, %Rabbi, eat something.+³²But he said to them, %I have food to eat that you do not know about.+³³So the disciples said to one another, %Surely no one has brought him something to eat?+³⁴Jesus said to them, %My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, %Four months more, then comes the harvest? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, %One sows and another reaps.%³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.+

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, %He told me everything I have ever done.+⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, %It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.+

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

-The Assembly will please sit-

THE HYMN

-The Assembly will please stand-

Please refer to the following page.

And, please use the Printed Stanza 2 (*O God, for saints and servants*) as Stanza 3 and omit the last verse (*All praise to God...*).

For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Stanza 2

Recall the outcast woman with whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water to quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning; Christ offers us his word.
Then may our lips be burning to witness to our Lord.

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son 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 INTERCESSION Petition response: **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

-The Assembly will please sit-

OFFERING SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Giovanni Palestrina

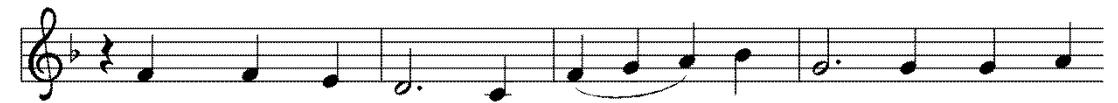
Sicut Cervus

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for Thee, O God. (Psalm 42:1)

-The Assembly will please stand-

THE HYMN

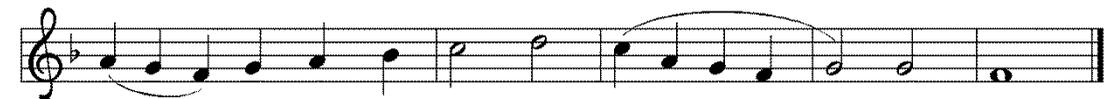
O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



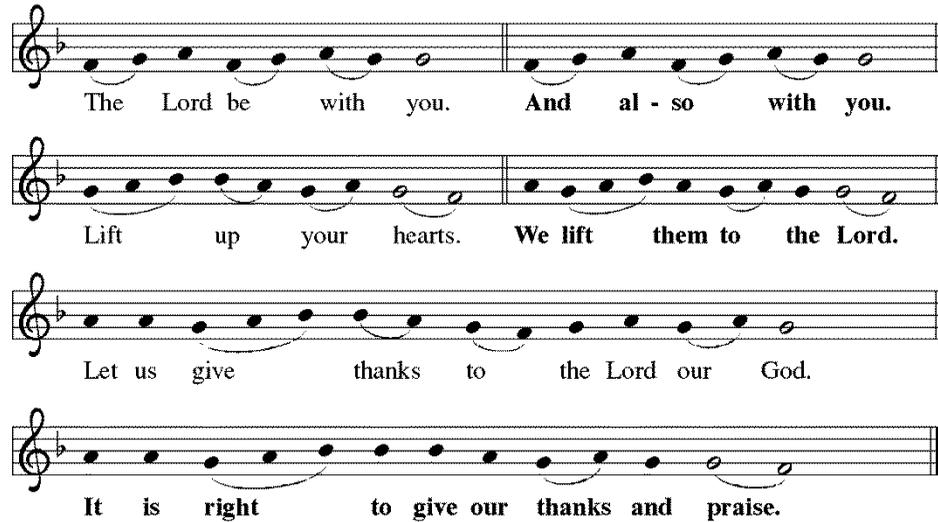
be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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 Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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OFFERING PRAYER

- A. Let us pray:
C. **Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

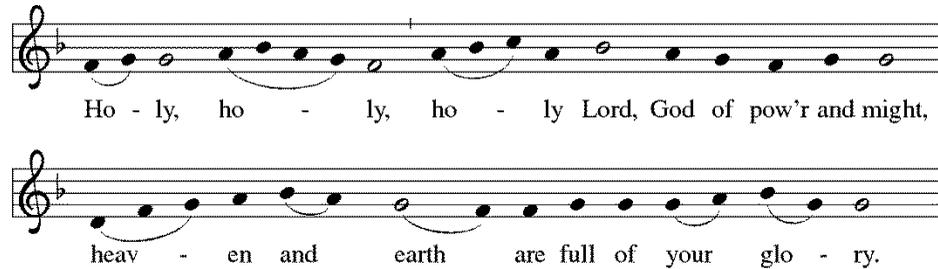
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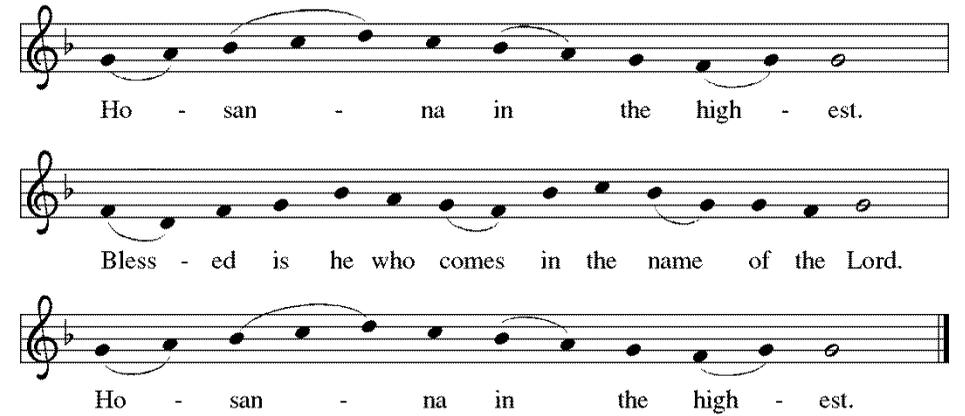
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

-The Assembly may kneel, or stand, or sit-

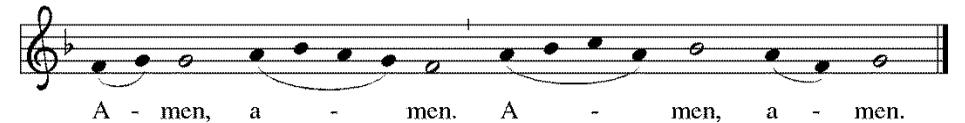
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

MYSTERY OF FAITH



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CONCLUSION OF THE THANKSGIVING



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
 C. Holy things for a holy people.

LAMB OF GOD

-The Assembly will please sit-

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. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be distributed at the Communion Rail.

THE HYMN

Please stand at the final verse.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
 lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
 I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A. Let us pray:
We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesusname we pray.
- C. **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C. **Amen.**

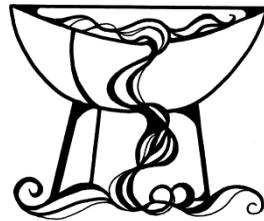
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DISMISSAL

- A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

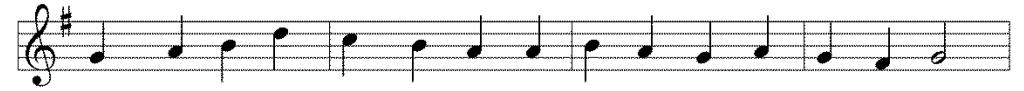
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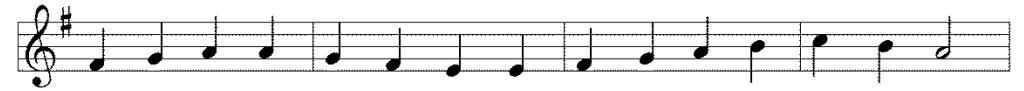
Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



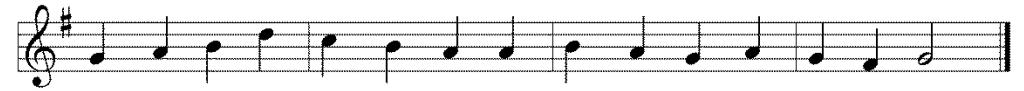
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove;
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–1498; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–1896, alt.
Music: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE. Hernhut, c. 1735

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

Today – 15 March – Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Adult Class
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 PM Winter Olympics
- 12:45 PM Call Committee
- 2:00 PM Estonian Congregation Service

Tuesday – 17 March – St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday – 18 March

- 10:00 AM Urban Clergy Pericope Study

Thursday – 19 March – St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

- 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Friday – 20 March

- 12:00 Noon United Flock Center Retreat (Matthew Munk)

Saturday – 21 March

- 10:00 AM Stations of the Cross

Sunday – 22 March – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Adult Class
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 PM Fellowship Hour: Joan Hoyle, Harold Sachs

from Sunday, 8 March:

Attendance: 43
Offering: \$2332

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors this morning—we are very happy to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor's Slip (in the pew) and return it in the offering plate; we would like to stay in touch with you. Also, if you have some time, join us for fellowship in Lehr Hall following the liturgy.

Winter Olympics, St. Mark's Style will be held today at the time of our Fellowship following the liturgy. Come join us for games and laughs.

Finance Committee – Members are reminded of the monthly meeting this coming Wednesday, 3/18 at 6:30 PM.

As noted in the March E-letter, our Parish Life Committee is sponsoring a drive to collect toiletries for distribution to folks at The Franciscan Center. There is a list of items in the E-letter article that are especially desired, and these may be brought in and placed in the basket in the narthex during the weeks leading up to Easter. As ever, thank you for your generosity.

Manna House! Our Outreach & Engagement Committee is looking to recruit folks to help out at Manna House one Wednesday morning per month. For details or to sign up, please speak with Emanuel Nixon. Thanks!

Easter Flowers! Enclosed with this bulletin is a form which we encourage you to use in order to contribute to the decoration of St. Mark's at Easter. As before you may make your contribution in any amount, and may be made in memory of or in honor of whomever you wish. We ask that you observe the deadline of Sunday, 29 March, please and ð PRINT your forms, please!

Sunday, 29 March, will be Pastor Donnella's final Sunday with us as interim pastor. It will be a day of mixed emotions to be sure. However, we would like as many as possible to be present and to wish Pastor a very blessed transition to his next position as interim pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Utica, MD.

