

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I



MARCH 3, 2024—8:00 AM

The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Please sign the guest book in the narthex or fill out one of our visiting guest cards found in the pew.

Our Mission: To Serve God and Make Disciples.

Our Vision: That All Whom We Encounter Will Encounter Christ.

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Prelude: O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

J.S. Bach

Welcome:

The Reverend Eric Holloway

Processional Hymn: Praise to The Living God

Blue Hymnal, #372

Salutation:

Celebrant; Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue:

Celebrant: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor thy father and thy mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heaven laden, and I will refresh you.

Trisagion: (Blue Hymnal, S 102)

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.

People: Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons:

Lector: A Reading from **Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Epistle:

Lector: A Reading from **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both

Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Music: O From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee

Blue Hymnal, #151 v. 1-2

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Gradual Music: O From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee

Blue Hymnal, #151 v. 3

Sermon: The Reverend Eric Holloway

The Nicene Creed:

People and Celebrant: 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. 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.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Prayers of the People:

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, our Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our own Bishop; Eric, our Rector; Mike, our Verger; and Tanner our Seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Ron, our Mayor; and all members of the Congress and the Supreme Court of the United States, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [____] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [____].

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for [____].

I ask your thanksgiving for all those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, especially [____].

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially ____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Margaret and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

[Celebrant adds concluding collect]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Offertory Hymn: Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Blue Hymnal, #166 v. 1-3

The Presentation: Hymn #142

vs. 4-5

People and Celebrant:

Vs. 4 And through these days of penitence and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Vs. 5 Abide with us, that so this life of suffering overpast, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

Sanctus: (Blue Hymnal, S 130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant: 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: (S 164)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access:

People and Celebrant: 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.

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.
Gluten-free wafers are available; communion wine contains alcohol.

Communion Music: Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Blue Hymnal, #313

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People and Celebrant: 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.

Blessing for Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, 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.

Congregation: We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Blessings:

The Blessing:

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Music: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Blue Hymnal, #471 v. 1-3

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music: Oh, World, I Now Must Leave Thee Johannes Brahms

PRAYER CONCERNS—March 3, 2024

SHORT-TERM

For the needs of Rogers family, Hardy family, Fenton family, Haworth family,

LONG-TERM

also for the needs of all victims of natural disasters, war, terrorism, violence, & other crimes; Danny, Maggie, Jill, Francesca, Christopher, Jim, Billy Jack, Nicole, Rob, Doris, Vicki, Bob & Pat, Mimi, Tony, Alex, First Responders, Police, Fire, EMS, and especially for German, Chase, and Joseph.

ARMED FORCES

All members of the Armed Forces and especially for Luke, Jessica, Greta, and all those serving in harm's way.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Sturch- 3/6

Elizabeth Williams- 3/10

Barbara Baugh 3/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Christina & Julie Sweet- 3/9

Julie & Matthew Fair- 3/11

Christina Leal & Dominic Armstrong- 3/26

DEATHS

Victor

Larry Lothringer (Mary Ann Winden's brother)

Jason Downen

The Rev. Eric Fenton

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

(The Third Sunday in Lent)

Give thanks for St. David's, San Antonio; and St. John's, Sonora.

To place a name on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card. Please update your short-term requests every 30 days and confirm your long-term requests every 60 days with Mike Burroughs.

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Lector: Mike Burroughs

Greeter: TBD

Usher: Mike Burroughs

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Mike Burroughs

Altar Guild: Bonnie Barrows/Julie Sweet

Flower Guild: Jean Anne Paul

Vestry: TBD

Organist: Mary Ann Winden

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sundays 8:00 am Morning Service

Sundays 9:30 am Christian Ed./Parish Hall

Sundays 10:30 am Morning Service

Wednesdays 9:30 am Book Study

Wednesdays 11:00 am Morning Eucharist

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Tuesday, 1 pm—6 pm

Wednesday, 1 pm—5 pm

Thursday, 10 am—5 pm

Sundays, after church