The Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019
9:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark's welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark's liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

The 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist is currently employing liturgical texts adapted from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, published in 2008 by Dr. Steven Shakespeare, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool Hope University in the U.K. The goal of this work, according to the author's introduction, was to "revitalize the art of formal prayer," by "bringing the experiences of exclusion and liberation into dialogue with the [Lectionary's] scriptural texts, always ready to be surprised by the power of both to reveal new dimensions of salvation." To this end, Shakespeare frequently employs unfamiliar images and concepts, seeking to "jar us out of preconceived and limiting images" of the Divine. Some of his most unsettling images, however, are those that are drawn most directly from the Biblical texts. "Prayer should not be alienating," he says, "nor should it be too comfortable."

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

The Reverend Canon Patricia Taylor, Priest Associate, Presider
The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Preacher

THE GATHERING

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, bwv 618 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
[O blameless Lamb of God]

PROCESSION All rise as able when the bell begins tolling.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
Assembly God's mercy endures forever.

The Presider reads a sentence from scripture.
CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our brokenness to God.
You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon Christ of the Lenten journey,
All We often stall in a pattern of self-deception;
You invite us to follow You to the cross and all truth;
Silence

Deacon Christ of the nourishing meal,
All We consume what leaves us craving more;
You offer the bread that gives true life.
Silence

Deacon Christ of Resurrection Hope,
All We fall into the orbit of greed and corruption;
You call us into the new life of mercy and peace.
Silence

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

Please remain kneeling or standing as able.

KYRIE ELEISON

Alexandr Arkhangelsky (1846–1924), arr. Richard Proulx

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Persistent God,
below your wings there is a haven of encouraging love:
accompany us on the difficult path of our brokenness,
as we find our way to the resting-place of peace where we are accepted as we are;
through the cross of Jesus Christ,
the Broken Bread of Life.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.


THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

PSALM  

Psalm 27:11–18  Plainsong Tone VIII.1

The Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.  
The Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

ANTIPHON Ps. 27:10

Hark-en to my voice, O LORD; have mer-cy on me and an-swer me

Dominus illuminatio

You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  

12 Hide not your face from me,*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,*  
the Lord will sustain me.  

ANTIPHON
15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. ANTIPHON

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord. ANTIPHON

READING Philippians 3:17–4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children in preschool through second grade are then invited to Children’s Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Words & Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
The Choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. The Choir sings the verse below; all repeat the refrain.

Praise to you, O Christ our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life;

Son of God who leads us to freedom; Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

V. You are the Word who calls us to be servants; you are the Word whose only law is love; you are the Word made flesh who lives among us: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'”

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

All rise 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, 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, 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 THE ASSEMBLY  Form VI

Deacon  In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor  For all people in their daily life and work;
Assembly  For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor  For this community, the nation, and the world;
Assembly  For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor  For the just and proper use of your creation;
Assembly  For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor  For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
Assembly  For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor  For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
Assembly  For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor  For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Greg our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
Assembly  For all who serve God in God’s Church.

Intercessor  For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Intercessor  Hear us, Lord;
Assembly  For your mercy is great.

Intercessor  We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Intercessor  We will exalt you, O God our King;
Assembly  And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor  We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor  Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Assembly  Who put their trust in you.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider  Christ has broken down the dividing wall that makes us strangers to one another;
He is God’s unexpected and unmerited gift of peace breaking in among us.
Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly  And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support Saint Mark's through pledged offerings made by credit card or via mail. Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

ANTHEM  I will arise

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love and power.

Refrain

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain

The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table. When the Presider stands, all rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider  The Lord be with you.
Assembly  And also with you.

Presider  Lift up your hearts.
Assembly  We lift them to God.

Presider  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly  It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider  We thank you, God of the wilderness, that in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of flesh quickened by the Spirit's breath. We thank you that you shared your Beloved Child who spurns might and glory and turns toward all who are broken in mind, body or spirit. We count the cross as folly to the world of violence and power, and true wisdom to all who would follow you on the journey of selfless love. Therefore, with the whole communion of saints who glimpsed the glory in the humanity you shared, we worship you in in holy majesty, as we sing:
Presider

We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

All

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

Presider

With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty with his generous love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

All

AMEN.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM  Deutsche Messe  

Schubert, arr. Proulx
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider  The gifts of God for the people of God:
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.
Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of each aisle.
If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.
Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider’s communion station at the center aisle.

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

ANTHEM  Search me out, O God

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
And lead me in the way that is everlasting.

HYMN 455  O Love of God how strong and true ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #455

WORDS: Psalm 139: 23–24
MUSIC: David Childs (b. 1941)
TUNE: Dunedin
All rise as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider  One body are we.
Assembly  For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.
Deacon  Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider  Let us pray.
All  Lord of the feast of boundless love;
we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness
so that none might be lost:
liberate us now
to share the living bread of good news with our neighbor,
each receiving from the other what we need
to live according to your will. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider  May the crucified Christ dispel your fear,
drawing you to experience God’s wondrous love,
and make you servants of hope and peace in the world,
and the blessing of the One, Holy and Merciful God
be with you all this day and for evermore.
All  Amen.

HYMN 401  The God of Abraham praise  •  The Hymnal 1982 #401
TUNE: Leoni

STANZAS 1, 4, & 5

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

VOLUNTARY  Fugue in E minor, bwv 533b  •  J.S. Bach

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