



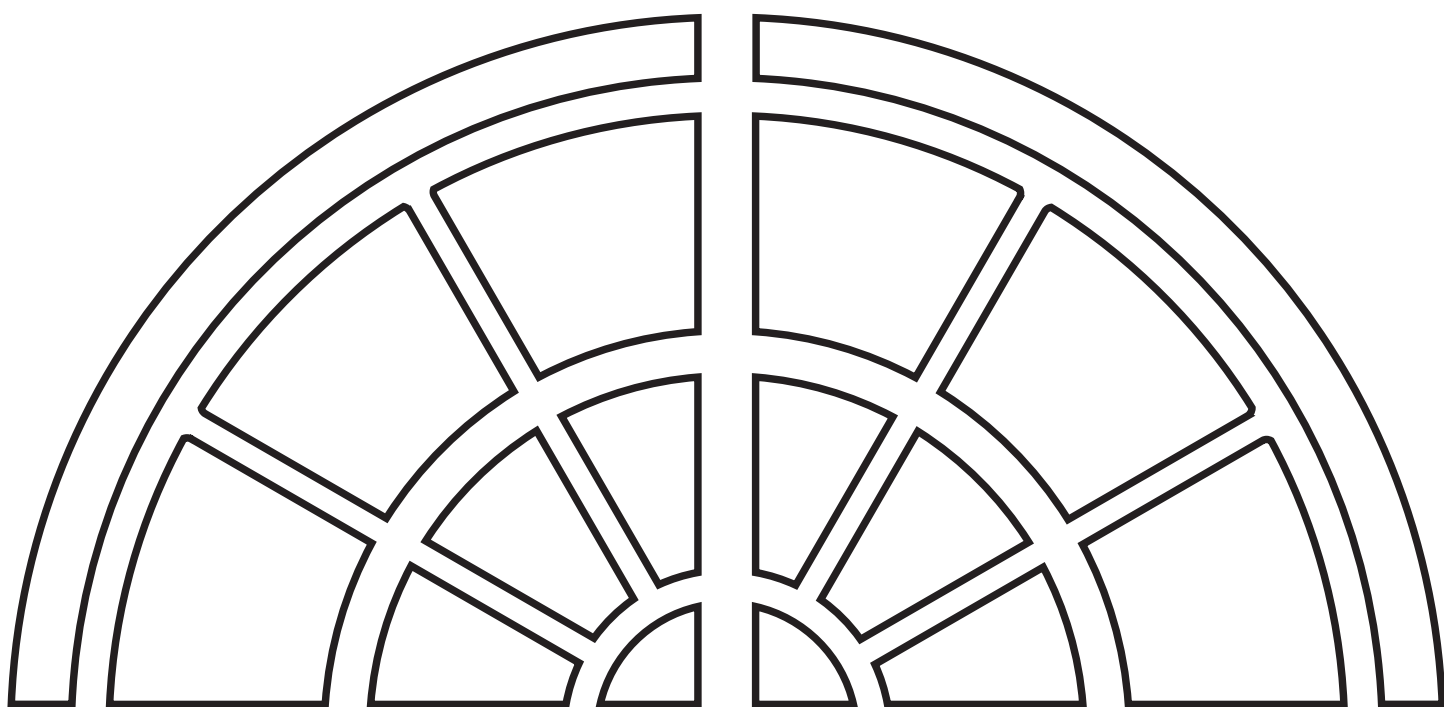
SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2019

8:00 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. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.*

*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 Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Presider & Preacher*

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Chorale-Prelude on *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*, part I Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)  
[“O blameless Lamb of God”]

*All rise as able.*

**HYMN 142** *Lord, who throughout these forty days* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #142* TUNE: *St. Flavian*  
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

### LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*Assembly* **His mercy endureth forever.**

*The Presider reads a sentence from scripture.*

### CONFESSION

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 320*

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.*

*Presider* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
**All we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

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

*Please remain kneeling or standing as able.*

### KYRIE ELEISON

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 324*

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Assembly* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READING

*Exodus 3:1–15*

**M**OSSES was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM***Psalm 63:1–8 ♦ read by all in unison**Deus, Deus meus*

**O** GOD, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
 that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
 my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
 and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
 and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
 and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
 your right hand holds me fast. ♦

**READING***1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

**I** DO not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Assembly** **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 13:1–9*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Assembly* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**A**T THAT very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

*All rise as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 326*

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 328*

*After each petition, the Assembly responds: Lord, hear our prayer*

**THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 332*

*The Presider reads sentences of scripture.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*All rise as able as the bread, wine, and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 340*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Assembly* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider* 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. Who dost bid thy 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 thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* 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.

*All* AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 336*

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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

*Presider* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*All* **grant us thy peace.**

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 337*

*All* **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.**

**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.*

*If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.  
Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*

- ◆ *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.*

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY** *Organ Improvisation*

*All rise as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 339*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**All** 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.

**PRAYER OVER THE ASSEMBLY** *The Presider prays over the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

**HYMN 344** *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* ◆ *The Hymnal 1982 #344*  
stanzas 1 & 2

*TUNE: Sicilian Mariners*

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

**VOLUNTARY** *Chorale-Prelude on O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, part II*  
[“O blameless Lamb of God”]

*Johann Pachelbel*

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