The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 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 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 Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, 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 Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, bwv 622  
[“O mortal, lament your grievous sins”]

A bell bids all rise as able.

PROCESSION  The liturgical ministers enter to the sound of a tolling bell.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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

Living God,
whose ways are higher than our ways, whose Name cannot be bought or sold:
lead us from justice without compassion, and righteousness without mercy,
to a love which nurtures and a grace which has no price;
through Jesus Christ,
the Broken Bread of Life.

All  Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.
**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading**  
*Exodus 3:1–15*

Moses 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*

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

Plainsong Tone II.1

You have been my helper, O my God.

**Deus, Deus meus**

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.
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.

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At 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.’”

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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

OFFERED

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

Song of the Tree of Life

WORDS: based on Revelation 2:7, 22:1–2
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1858)

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,
the leaves of tree are for thy healing.
In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.
Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely.
Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst.
Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.
So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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  When from bondage we are summoned

When from bondage we are summoned
out of darkness into light,
we must go in hope and patience,
walk by faith and not by sight.

Let us throw off all that hinders;
let us run the race to win!
Let us hasten to our homeland
and, rejoicing, enter in.

When our God names us a people,
Jesus leads us by the hand
through a lonely, barren desert
to a great and glorious land.
Refrain

Through all stages of the journey
Christ is with us, night and day,
with compassion for our weakness
ev'ry step along the way.

Refrain

We must not lose sight of Jesus,
who accepted pain and loss,
who, for joy of love unmeasured,
dared embrace the shameful cross.

Refrain

See the prize our God has promised:
endless life with Christ our Lord.
Now we fix our eyes on Jesus,
walk by faith in Jesus' word.

Refrain

HYMN 635  If thou but trust in God to guide thee  •  The Hymnal 1982 #635

TUNE: Wer nur den lieben Gott
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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing † The Hymnal 1982 #344 TUNE: Sicilian Mariners

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

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