The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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 Cristi Chapman, Curate for Spiritual Growth & Stewardship, **Presider & Preacher**

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**THE GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**  
Passacaglia from Messe du Deuxième Ton  
André Raison (c. 1640–1719)

A bell bids all rise as able.

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

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**THE PENITENTIAL ORDER**

**LENTEN ALCALAMATION**

**Presider**  
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**Assembly**  
God’s mercy endures forever.
SENTENCE OF 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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

PRODIGAL God,
host of the feast of love:
you long for us to return home from the far country of hopelessness and greed;
and you invite us to loose the shackles of resentment and envy:
help us lean into your embrace and the abundant life of mutual joy offered to us all;
through Jesus Christ, the Broken Bread of Life.

All  Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  Joshua 5:9–12

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Assembly  Thanks be to God.

PSALM  Psalm 32

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

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt.

Beati quorum

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!  ANTIPHON

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.  ANTIPHON

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  ANTIPHON

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”  
ANTIPHON

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.  
ANTIPHON

READING 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 Cantor introduces the refrain; all repeat. The Cantor sings the verse below; all repeat the refrain.

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\text{Praise to you, O Christ our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life; } \\
\text{Son of God who leads us to freedom; Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!}
\end{align*}
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V. You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light; you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  The Reverend Cristi Chapman
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.

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  Amazing Grace

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound...

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:
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

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY  Organ Improvisation

HYMN 693  Just as I am, without one plea  ♦  The Hymnal 1982 #693  TUNE: Woodworth
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 411 O bless the Lord, my soul! ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #411
stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6

TUNE: St. Thomas (Williams)

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

VOLUNTARY Voluntary for a Double Organ

Matthew Locke (c. 1621–1677)

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