

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



FEBRUARY 21, 2021

10.00 AM

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 EAST PECAN STREET

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Welcome!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you are in San Antonio, a long-time member, or a visitor who is joining via streaming, we are grateful for your presence. We hope you will look at our many varied offerings.

The website, www.stmarks-sa.org is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmarkssa) also contain helpful information for you to connect with us. If you are visiting, please let us know by filling out an online visitor card.

These months have provided many challenges and we continue to creatively strive to attend to our foundations. Prayer and worship may look different, but they are still available to us. We are reminded of the gift of Jesus Christ and the life of faith and discipleship he offers to all who seek him. He promises to be present and overcome all barriers to bring life to places that seem beyond the love and grace of God.

We are grateful you have joined us today. For our 10 am services we offer Spiritual Communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning prayer the other Sundays. Given the current burden of COVID-19 in our city, we are only offering streamed worship at this point. We look forward to resuming outdoor and indoor in-person services once those conditions improve. Please check our website regularly to see where we are in terms of warning levels.

Our bible studies are meeting regularly and there are regular formation opportunities available by Zoom. Video resources are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly. We also offer Morning Prayer at 8:30 and Compline at 7 pm Monday through Fridays on Facebook Live.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our community. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our streaming offerings. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.



- Give online. <https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/>
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

We give thanks for you and welcome you wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey!


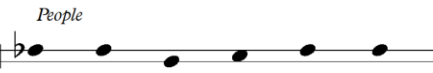
Peace,
The Reverend Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

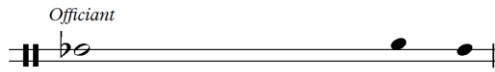
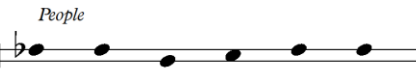
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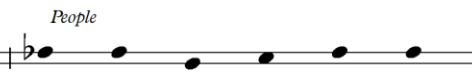
Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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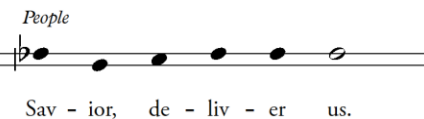
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

Sav - ior, de - liv - er us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
Savior, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
Savior, deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
Savior, deliver us.

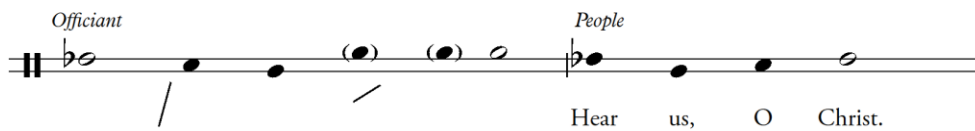
In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
Savior, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior, deliver us.



Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially _____) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Jospeh, the President of the United States, Greg, the Governor of this state, and Ron, the Mayor of this city) that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.
Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind, or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially _____) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy on us.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us your peace.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9; Mode 8

Refrain

Your paths, O Lord are love and faith - ful - ness, to those
who keep your cov - e - nant.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Refrain

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Refrain

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Refrain

Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

Refrain

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
 and of all their righteous offspring:
 You made the heavens and the earth, *
 with all their vast array.
 All things quake with fear at your presence; *
 they tremble because of your power.
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
 O Lord, you are full of compassion,
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
 You hold back your hand; *
 you do not punish as we deserve.
 In your great goodness, Lord,
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
 and I know my wickedness only too well.
 Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
 Do not let me perish in my sin, *
 nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
 in accordance with your great mercy, *
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wise

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Officiant then says the following Collect

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES

ANTHEM • *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

music: Richard Farrant (1530 – 1580)
text: Lidley's Prayers, 1566

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 143 • *The glory of these forty days*

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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY • *Prière*

Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991)

Prayer List (*updated 2/19/21*)

Immediate Needs:

Royce Balzer
Susan Beardslee
Aynsle Baird Brown
Barbara Carr
Charlie
Chris
Jean Dahlgren
Vic DeForest
Mardi Dunkley
Tyler Fakhoury
Charles Field
Jennifer Franklin
Michael Franklin
Vickey Haff
Jamie Johnson
Kristin Jones
Carol Lee Klose
Barbara Leopold
Charlene Leopold
Don Leopold
Robert Leopold

Bill Matthews
JD Monk
Grace Ohlenbush
Ann Reeks
Cathy Robinson
Jane Scaffier
Edward Schuckman
Patricia Scott
Glenn Wesselski
Kathleen Seale Withers
Sharon Cotton Wood
Harold Yochem

Anna Jane Hays
Eleanor Johnson
Jason Morris
Ruth Peyton
Eleanor Phelps
Frank Sitton
Patsy Warncke

Deaths:

Stuart Cavender
John "Mac" McFadden
Jan Rowe

Those with long-term concerns:

John Beers
Rose Beers
Juan Jose Davila
Ruby Garza
Fernando Guerra
Harry Guidry
Gloria Guzman
Alice Haney

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher:

The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*

Officiant:

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, *Rector*

Assisting:

The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, *Associate Rector*

Musicians:

Jon Johnson, *Director of Music & Organist*
Samuel Gaskin, *Assistant Organist & Choirmaster*
St. Mark's Staff Singers (*Cantoris*)

Parish Notices

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

ADULT FORMATION

To view all Adult Formation offerings, [visit the website](#).

Sunday Morning Formation - The Four Faces of Jesus

Sunday, January 24 - February 21

9.00am via [Zoom](#)

Led by James Dennis, OP

When most of us think of Jesus, we conjure up a sort of goulash made from a little bit of Luke, a little bit of John, and perhaps a dash of Mark or Matthew to add extra flavor. But these four books actually offer us very unique portraits of Jesus, his ministry, and the issues that concerned him. In this class we'll explore these four particular depictions of Jesus, and how they reflect the communities from which they arose.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Each Sunday at 10.00am we gather in-person outdoors and online for worship. Make plans to join us each Sunday via [Facebook Live](#), our [website](#) or on [YouTube](#).

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

ARE SERVICES HAPPENING? ST. MARK'S COVID PLAN

St. Mark's offerings follow the risk levels reported by the city. When we are in the yellow, as we are now: in-person, outdoor services will be offered on Sunday at 10.00am and 11.30am. Sign up on the [In-Person Worship page](#) of the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROCKETT ACADEMY SHOE DRIVE

For the month of February, we will be collecting new athletic shoes for the students at Crockett Academy. Please [go online](#) to sign up to donate and also to help deliver shoes to the school. Please deliver all donations to St. Mark's by Wednesday, February 24th. If you'd like to donate but are unable to bring the shoes to the church, or for any other questions, please [email Shea Pollom](#). Thank you for helping to make sure that all Crockett Academy students have a good pair of shoes as they finish out the school year!

BELDING SCHOLARSHIP OPEN

The Belding Application process is now open for female members of St. Mark's who are attending college. Preference is given to applicants who are active participants in the fellowship of St. Mark's, at the time of original application. Application deadline is March 15. Find the application on our [website](#).

GIFTED YEARS LENTEN STUDY

Tuesday, February 23 - March 23

10.00-11.30am via [Zoom](#)

The Gifted Years book study group will meet by Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30am. It will begin on February 23 and continue until March 23. We will study the second half of The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr, beginning with chapters 8 & 9. This group has deep and lively discussions. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, FORMATION OFFERINGS, & ZOOM GATHERINGS

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM

Sundays at 11.15am

Join us on Sundays at 11.15am for Coffee Hour! We'll gather on [Zoom](#) for some time for fellowship and to check-in with each other.

THE DAILY OFFICE

Morning Prayer - We are offering Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday. We hope you make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 8.30am. This is a more lengthy service with multiple scripture readings. Resource for Morning Prayer: [Mission St. Clare](#) - they also have an app for smart phones.

Compline - We are offering Compline, Monday through Friday. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 7.00pm. This is a shorter service and would be great for families to do together! Resource for Compline: [BCP Online](#) - on the left side, click "Daily Office", then click "An Order for Compline"

ZOOM GATHERINGS

Questions about Zoom? Email Priscilla Briones at pbriones@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 7.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password – stmlion315).

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password – stmlion315).

Art Class

Tuesdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 359-019-174, password – stmlion315).

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6.30pm via [Zoom](#). (Meeting ID - 884 4007 6632, password - stmlion315)