

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Judith, Charlea, Shirley, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Clare, Frank, Steve, Mary, William, Grace, Fr. Bob, Tim, Nancy and Charlotte.- we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering especially John J. Horvath, Sr. for in whose memory this month's communion cups have been memorialized-and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

OFFERTORY HYMN: 151 FROM DEEPEST WOE I CRY TO THEE

DOXOLOGY: HYMN 380 (VS 3) PRAISE GOD FROM WHO ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B (Alternate Form)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Hymn S125)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

the celebrant continues:

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark & St. John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Officiant: Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us

Officiant and People Together.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **GRANT US PEACE.**

The celebrant continues:

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Communion Hymn: SUNG BY THE CHOIR

After communion:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 495 HAIL THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 PEOPLE ~ Form V

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor- In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Michael.* our Presiding Bishop, for *Kevin* our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, remembering St. James', Drifton in the Diocese of Bethlehem and Kajo Keji Christian College & St. James Wudu Parish in Kajo Keji- we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, and for Gloria Remmel- In whose honor today's bulletins have been sponsored-that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

March 26th, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Maria Tjeltvaît

Mrs. Karen A. Horvath-Music Ministry

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE HYMN: 313 LET THY BLOOD IN MERCY POURED

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins;
People *His Mercy endures forever.*

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

The Confession of Sin:

CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

KYRIE: S95

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

The Celebrant says the Collect: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lessons (see insert)

HYMN: 508 (VS 1-2) (3-4) BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD

Gospel:

Homily

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2023 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

Bulletin Sponsorship: -In Honor of Gloria Rimmel, by Maxinne Benner

Communion Cups: In Loving Memory of John J. Horvath, Sr. by his Family

LAY READER SCHEDULE- 9AM Services

03/26/23	5th Sunday in Lent	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
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Easter Flower Orders- Order Slips with Payment are due no later than April 2nd. Thank you!

Choir Practice- Practices are Wednesdays at 6pm. Practices will be held at Tolman House. New members are always welcome (and needed).

Vestry Meeting- the next scheduled Vestry Meeting will be held on March 26th immediately following the 9AM service.

Lenten Grocery Bags- Instead of Giving Up, Give Something. Please consider donating 1 item per day during the Lenten Season. The grocery bags with the list attached can be found in the Vestibule of the Main Sanctuary. Thank you!

How Can I Serve My Parish? - Committees will be organized, and sign-up sheets are available for those seeking to volunteer your time and talent for whatever committee you are called to serve. Please consider working with others for the sake of building a strong Church Community.

Altar Guild- Please consider joining the Altar Guild, led by Judy Lennon. Preparing the altar for Holy Eucharist is a fulfilling ministry. Please call the parish office for more information and/or to sign up for this ministry.

Communion Cup Disposal- Please note -In the Main Sanctuary, there are 2 wastebaskets placed on either side of the aisles, there is a sign marked on these receptacles indicating the purpose of the wastebaskets. **They are for empty communion cups only.** Please do not use these wastebaskets for everyday trash. Thank you for your cooperation!

Did you know? Most of the items in our pantry are funded by Thrivent. What is Thrivent? Thrivent provides funding for non-profit organizations and helps with programs such as our Food Pantry. To learn more about Thrivent and how you can become involved to help - please see Tom and Diane Lager or visit www.thrivent.com.

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Canned Soup, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Peanut Butter, Non-Peanut Spreads, Jelly, Crackers, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Beef, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Potatoes, Dry Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Baby Items, Socks and Toiletry Items. Thank you!

SICK AND HOMEBOUND- Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Judith, Charlea, Shirley, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Clare, Frank, Steve, Mary, William, Grace, Fr. Bob, Tim, Nancy and Charlotte.

****If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office***

April Service Schedule

April 2nd - Palm Sunday- 9am- with Fr. Tony

April 6th - Maundy Thursday- 6:30pm with Fr. Tony

April 7th - Good Friday- 8am in the Chapel- with Fr. Tony (Prayer Service)

April 9th - Easter Sunday - 9am- TBA

April 16th and April 30th - 9am- Morning Prayer

April 23rd - 9am- with Rev. Maria Tjeltvaît

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Parish office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30am– 1:30pm.

SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 26th, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.



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