

Confession of Sin

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Minister and People

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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: SUNG BY THE CHOIR

Doxology: 380 VS 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; By whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (S130)

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.

Then 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: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

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Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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 BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD'S TABLE

Communion: 635 IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant and People: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 143 THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

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 III from the Book of Common Prayer

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; especially- Grace Church, Allentown, from the Diocese of Bethlehem, and St. Peter Leikor Parish - Kajo Keji- ***That we all may be one.***

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Kevin, our own Bishop, Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania- and for all priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Steve, Sandy, and Frieda; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Thomas F. Diehm-in whose memory today's bulletins are sponsored, ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

March 9th, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Timothy Griffin

Mr. Kris Hartenstine- Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 688 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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*

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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, 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*

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: **686 COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING (1-2) (3)**

The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 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. The 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.

Sponsorship
Bulletins: In Loving Memory of Thomas F. Diehm on the remembrance of his birthday from Marlene Diehm & Family

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
March 9	Lent 1	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa
March 16	Lent 2	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zach Baker
March 23	Lent 3	Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
March 30	Lent 4	Deb Fry	Diane Lager

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
March 9	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
March 16	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
March 23	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
March 30	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The choir will rehearse immediately after the 9am services. New members are welcome.

Lay Readers Needed! Please consider becoming a Lay Reader- those interested are asked to contact Bill Diehm - bmdiehm@ptd.net or contact the parish office.

TITHING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK - UP AND ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE MAIN SANCTUARY - PLEASE NOTE- YOUR NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR

COMMUNITY DINNERS: are back! Volunteers needed- sign up sheets located on the Vestibule Door. Dates scheduled are: March 16th, April 27th and May 18th.

Easter Flower Order Forms- Extra forms are available in the main vestibule. Order Forms with Payment due no later than March 30th. Thank you!

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Ramen noodles, Canned fruit (snap open can preferable) Individual container breakfast cereal, Boxed milk, Feminine products, Small toothpaste, Small toiletry items

SICK AND HOMEBOUND- Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Dale, Brent, Mae, Curt, Mary, Lynette, Thomas, Linda, Susan, Erin, Luan, Nick, Joanne, Bob, Sally, Jesse, Steve, Sandy, and Frieda

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

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Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary
Other services TBA
9:00am September – May Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

STAFF

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VESTRY

Senior Warden: Deborah Fry (*26)
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Michael Leonetti (*28)
Sam Strohl (*28)
Robert Muscovitch (*28)

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Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

The First 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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