

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

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 Suffrages:

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Sundays (Officiant and People Together)

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Collect for Peace (Officiant and People Together)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission (Officiant and People Together)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form IV- FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Kevin, our Bishop. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Pray for St. Gabriel's, Douglassville; and Good Shepherd Learning Center in the Diocese of Bethlehem and St. John Lukura Parish in Kajo Keji- Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Cheryl, Monica, Don, Judith, Charlea, Shirley, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Jon, Jessica, Pamela, Alex, Clare, Frank, Jeff, Grace, Tim, Fr. Bob, Nancy and Charlotte.-give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Frank E. Ruff for in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored and for John J. Horvath, Sr- for in whose memory this month's communion cups have been memorialized- that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The General Thanksgiving (Officiant and People Together)

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.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus (ALL)

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come therefore spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom (ALL)

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.*

Then may be said:

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

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.*
Ephesians 3:20,21

Recessional Hymn: 690 GUIDE IN ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

The Invitatory and Psalter (All stand)

Officiant: Lord, Open our Lips

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;

ALL: * COME LET US ADORE HIM.

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 (Congregation responds after the asterisk)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect For Today: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: Hymn: 493 (VS 1-3) (VS 4-5) O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

The Homily

After the Homily - Choir will sing an Anthem.

The Apostles' Creed (Officiant and People together, all standing)

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.

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

March 19th, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning Prayer ~ Rite 2

Processional Hymn: 143 THE GLORY OF THESE 40 DAYS

Officiant: Lord, Open our Lips

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

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord My strength and my redeemer.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

(Officiant and People together, all kneeling-if able)

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.**

** Lay leader and People Read together*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us, all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 Loving Memory of Frank E. Ruff by the Ruff Family

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

LAY READER SCHEDULE- 9AM Service

03/19/23	4th Sunday in Lent	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
03/26/23	5th Sunday in Lent	Sue Urban	Jill Perry

Easter Flowers - orders will be accepted now until April 2nd. Please return your order slips with payment no later than April 2nd.

Choir Practice- Practices are Wednesdays at 6pm. Practices will be held at Tolman House. New members are always welcome (and needed). We are looking for a volunteer to play the tambourine for our Easter Anthem- those interested are asked to see Karen or any Choir Member. Thank you!

Vestry Meeting- the next Vestry meeting will be held on March 26th 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, Jon, Jessica, Pamela, Mary, Alex, Clare, Frank, Jeff, Grace, Nancy, Fr. Bob, Tim and Charlotte.

March Schedule

Morning Prayer: March 5th and March 19th

Holy Eucharist: March 12th with Fr. Tony

March 26th with Rev. Maria

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

SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

9:00am

September – May

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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The
**EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**



Welcomes You

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

Sunday, March 19th, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare Sunday

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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