

*the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says **

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

Offertory: Hymn:

Doxology: HYMN 380 (VS 3) PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

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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.

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 and 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**

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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.**

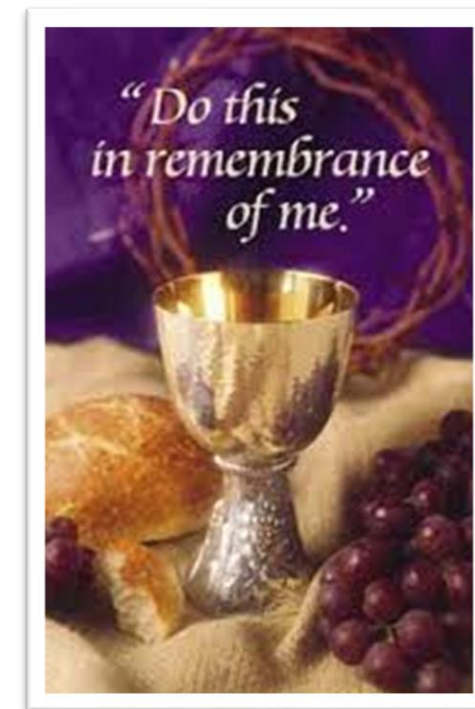
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

COMMUNION HYMN: 691 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE



After communion:

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 660 O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE



After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The ashes are imposed with the following words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Hymn During the Imposition of Ashes: Sung by the Choir

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church
ASH WEDNESDAY
THE REV. ROBERT CHRISTE - TROUTMAN
Mr. Kris Hartenstine - Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE HYMN: 142 LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless The Lord who forgives all sins
People His Mercy endures for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: 488 (VS 1-2) (VS 3) **BE THOU MY VISION**

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.

Sponsorships
Bulletins and Communion Cups: In Loving Memory of Geraldine "Dolly" Weaver of the remembrance of her birthday, by Jill Perry

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
March 5	Ash Wednesday 6:30PM		
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: ftimgriffin@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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SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

9:00am

September – May

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Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

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.

Ash Wednesday



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and to dust you shall return.*

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