

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 II FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, Our Presiding Bishop and Kevin, Our Bishop ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Randy, Jonna -Li, Doris, Bill, Dale, Brent, Mae, Robert, Mary Ann, Fr. Tony, Diane, Fr. Bob and Curt

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. Pray for St. Clement’s and St. Peter’s, Wilkes-Barre from the Diocese of Bethlehem and Wojira Parish in Kajo Keji.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially John A. Weaver- for in whose memory this month’s communion cups have been sponsored, and Barbara Kroculik, for in whose memory today’s bulletins have been sponsored-Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in 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 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: 473 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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!**

Jubilate: Psalm 100 *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song**
Know this: The Lord himself is God; * **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**
For the Lord is good; his mercy everlasting; * **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Collect For Today: 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)
The Gospel: 474 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (VS 1-2) (VS 3-4)
The Homily

REFLECTION SUNG BY THE CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and St. John Episcopal Church
March 17th, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Morning Prayer ~ Rite 2

Processional Hymn: 495 HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

ALL: * COME LET US ADORE HIM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2024 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.

This Month our Communion Cups are given in Memory of John A. Weaver by Jill Perry
Bulletin Sponsor- In Loving Memory of Barbara Kroculik who passed away on March 16th 2010 by her sister, Marilyn Rontz & Family -May she rest in peace

LAY READER SCHEDULE

03/17/24	5th Sunday of Lent	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
03/24/24	Palm Sunday	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa Jr
03/28/24	Maundy Thursday 6pm	TBD	
03/29/24	Good Friday 6pm	TBD	
03/31/24	Easter Sunday	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zack Baker

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
March 17	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
March 24	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
March 31	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

CAN YOU HELP? Once again the parish is holding a Lenten Food Drive (40 cans in 40 days) to stock up our Pantry. The List of Items and Paper Bags are located in the entrance way of the Main Sanctuary. Thank you!

CHOIR PRACTICE- All are welcome to join us for Choir Practice! Wednesday Evenings at 6pm- Tolman House

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 in helping – 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, Charlea, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, Alex, Cheryl, William, Grace, Tim, Nancy, Jim,Charlotte, Ric, Dorothy, Randy, Jonna -Li, Doris, Bill, Dale, Brent, Mae, Robert, Mary Ann, Fr. Tony, Diane, Fr. Bob and Curt **If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office**

March Service Schedule

March 3rd -Morning Prayer
March 10th -Fr. Bob
March 17th - Morning Prayer
March 24th _ PALM SUNDAY- Fr. Tony
March 28th - MAUNDY THURSDAY Fr. Tony (6pm)
March 29th - GOOD FRIDAY Fr. Bob (6pm)
March 31* EASTER SUNDAY- Fr. Bob

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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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VESTRY

Senior Warden: James Pompa, Jr. ('25)

Junior Warden: Deborah Fry ('26)

Rose Douglas ('25)

Karen Gasker ('28)

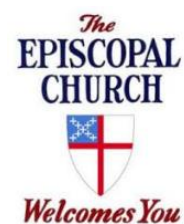
Sue Ellen Andreas ('28)

Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



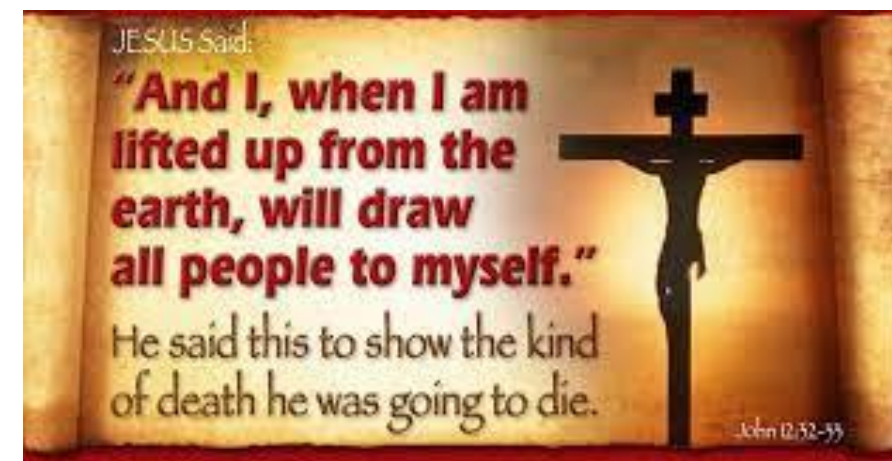
St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 17th, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of 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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