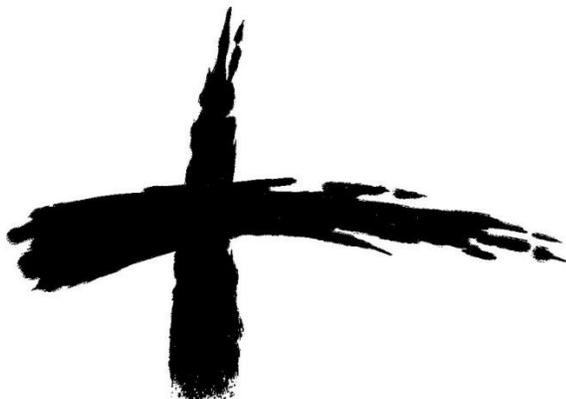




SAINT MARK'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

**HOLY EUCHARIST AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES
FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT NOON AND 6PM**



ASH WEDNESDAY

WELCOME

We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.

Your presence blesses us, and we pray that your worship and time with us will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.

Our liturgy comes from *The Book of Common Prayer*. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. Visitors who are not baptized Christians are welcome to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing.

PRELUDE "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
The People stand as the bell rings and the ministers enter.

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 264

CELEBRANT Let us pray. 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.

PEOPLE **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: JOEL 2:1-2,12-17

READER A reading from the Book of Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near-- a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-14,22 *Benedic, anima mea (Sung)*

Plainsong Chant, Tone II.1

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

THE EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

READER A reading from Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) | Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:1-6,16-21

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
 PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*

INVITATION FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

The Book of Common Prayer p. 264

All stand. The Celebrant says

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.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

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 IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As ashes are imposed, the people may sit or remain kneeling. A reverent silence is maintained for contemplation and reflection. The ashes are imposed with the following words, Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Then follows

PSALM 51 *(Read responsively by full verse)*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 266

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 **I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.**
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 **Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Book of Common Prayer p. 267

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Bishop, if present, or 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

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me, uphold me with Thy free Spirit,
Thy free Spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners will be converted unto Thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God. — *Psalm 50:10–13*

PRESENTATION HYMN (*The People stand as the ushers come forward.*)

Hymnal #150

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt. | Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (*The People remain standing.*)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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.**
 CELEBRANT It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: SANCTUS (*Sung by all.*)

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant then praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues...

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.*

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 153

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 675

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken by all standing.)*

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.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER

THE DISMISSAL

PRIEST Let us bless the Lord.
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

SILENT PROCESSION

ADULT FORMATION FOR LENT

SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM IN PAYNE HALL

February 22: Praying the Ignatian Examen (Fr. James)

March 1: Praying the Daily Office (Fr. Christopher)

March 8: Praying using prayer beads (Dcn. Tracie)

March 15: Praying in Color (Pat Sherwood)

March 22: Praying with Icons (Fr. James)

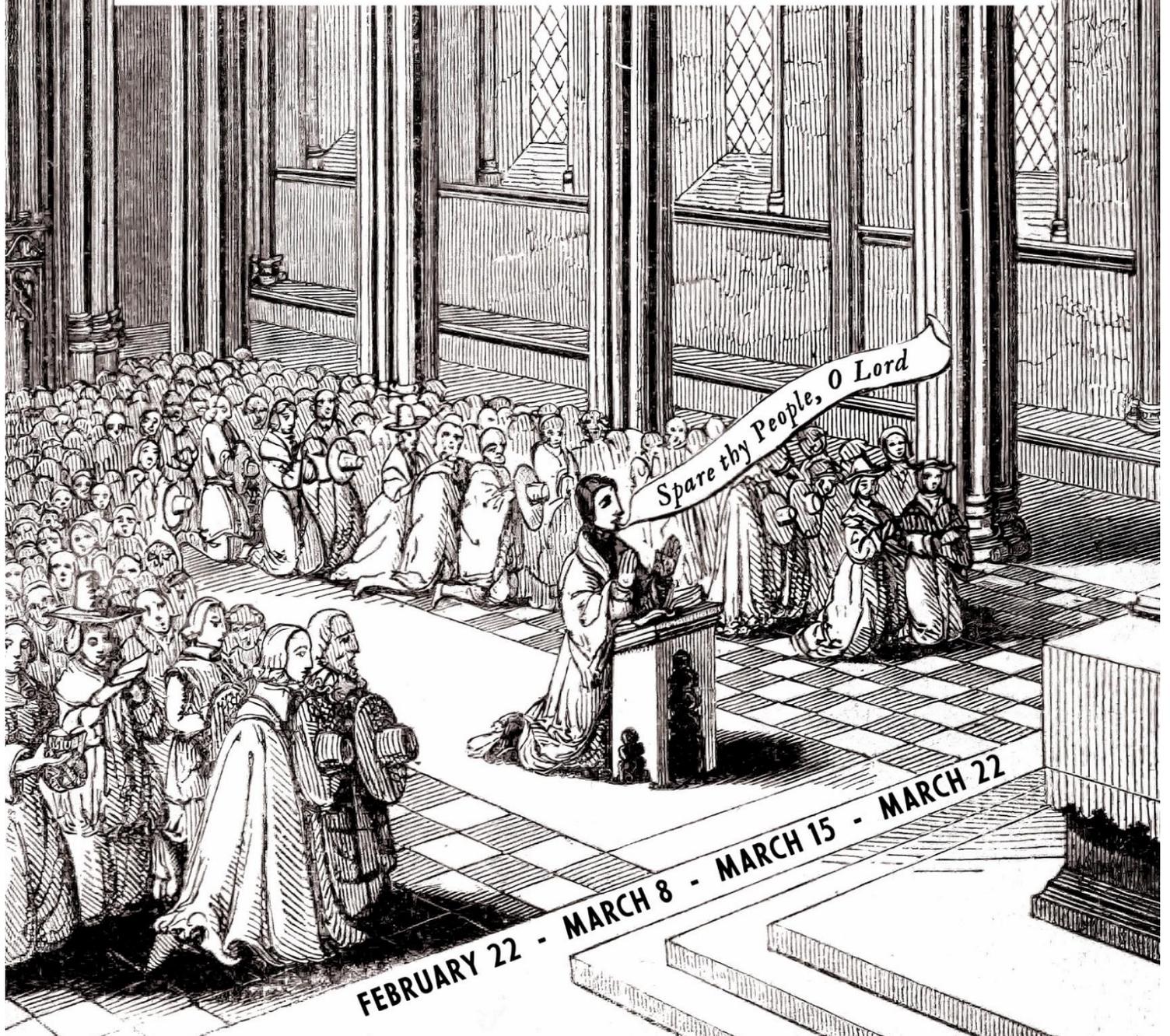


Good Lord, deliver us.

A Lenten Pilgrimage through the Great Litany

SOUP - STUDY - COMPLINE

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT - 5:00P.M. - PAYNE HALL

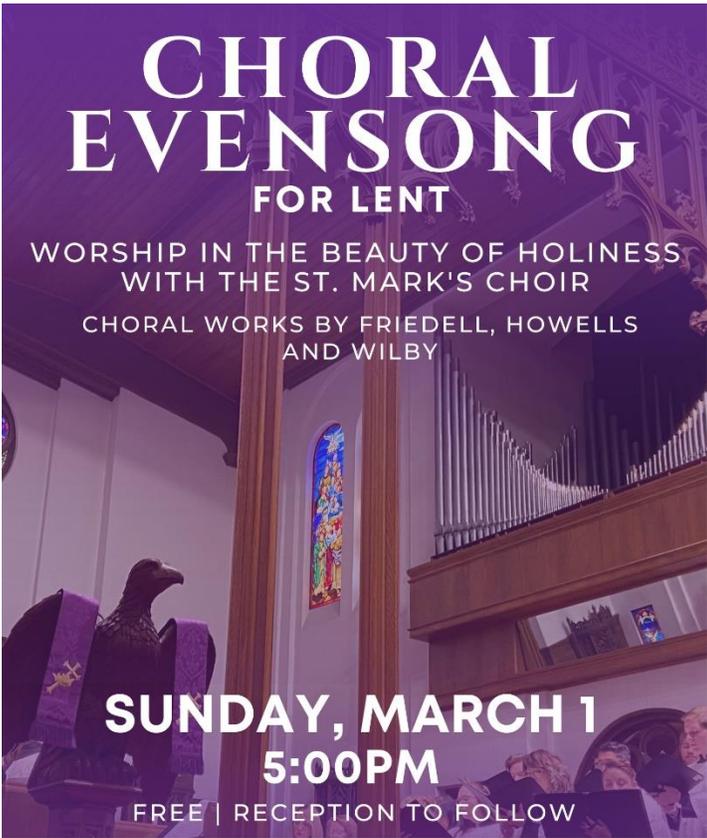


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11:30AM-12:30PM in the Gilbert Building
(Bring your own lunch)

Or 7:00-8:00PM Via Zoom

The Gospel of John

Feb. 25	April 1
March 4	April 22
March 25	May 6
	May 20



KIDS Night Out

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6:00-9:30 PM

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MARCH 20, 2026
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Wednesday, February 18 – Lent Begins

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday (*Spoken*)
 12:00 p.m. AA
 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday (*With Soloist*)
 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday (*With Choir*)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Divas at Bruno's

Friday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (*The Cloister*)
 9:15 a.m. Formation
 10:30 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)

Monday, February 23

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 12:00 p.m. Healing Service
 12:00 p.m. AA

SAVE THE DATE

February 25 Rector's Bible Study at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 March 1 Inquirers Class Begins at 3:30 p.m.
 March 1 Choral Evensong for Lent at 5 p.m.
 March 20 Youth Dodgeball Tournament
 March 29 Palm Sunday at St. Mark's (8 & 10:30 a.m.)
 April 2 Maundy Thursday Service at 6 p.m.
 April 3 Good Friday Service at 12 p.m.
 April 4 Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m.
 April 5 Easter at St. Mark's (8 & 10:30 a.m.)

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

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