



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR LENT

SUNDAY, THE FIRST OF MARCH, 2026

AT FIVE O'CLOCK

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 reflect on the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

Choral Evensong is a service of reflection – of leaving oneself open that God may speak through Holy Scripture, prayer, and music. 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 Hymnal 1982*.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



ORGAN PRELUDES

Wenn wir in Höchsten Nöten Sein: "When we are in deepest need"

Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Variations on *St. Flavian:* "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Meditation on *Wondrous Love*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "What wondrous love is this" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 439
Descant: Douglas B. King (b. 1953)

Unison

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 | Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The congregation may be seated.

THE INTROIT "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake"

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart, before Thee now and ever more.

THE PRECES (*Remain seated as the choir sings.*)

William Smith (1603-1645)
Timothy Foster, *Cantor*

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 84 QUAM DILECTA!

Anglican Chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
 and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: ROMANS 6:3-14

Chris Johnsen, *Lay Reader*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Here endeth the lesson.

THE SONG OF MARY “Magnificat in F” (*The congregation remains seated.*)

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength in his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: JOHN 5:19-24

James Black, *Lay Reader*

A reading from John.

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Here endeth the lesson.

THE SONG OF SIMEON "Nunc dimittis in F" *(The congregation remains seated.)*

Friedell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Chanted by all on a single tone.)*

I believe in God, **the Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Smith
Timothy Foster, *Cantor*

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chanted by all on a single tone.)*

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 SUFFRAGES (*Sung by the cantor and the choir.*)

Smith

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the State:
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people:
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us:
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day (*Sung*)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

This evening's offering benefits the "Music Fund" at St. Mark's.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Jesus, So Lowly"

Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

PRESENTATION HYMN "Lord, who throughout these forty days" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 142

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 and 5 indicating the start of the first and fifth lines of the hymn.

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
5 A - bid - e with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,
1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Please be seated.

ANTHEM "O, Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls.
And plenteousness within thy palaces.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.

ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me"

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you. — *John 14:15-18*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Spoken by all.*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN "Abide with Me" (Please stand and join in singing.)

Hymnal 662

Descant: Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) | Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904) | Descant: Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" (*The Cathedral*)

J.S. Bach

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**After the Procession leaves the Church, please be seated for the Postlude.
A reception follows in the Cloister. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship.**

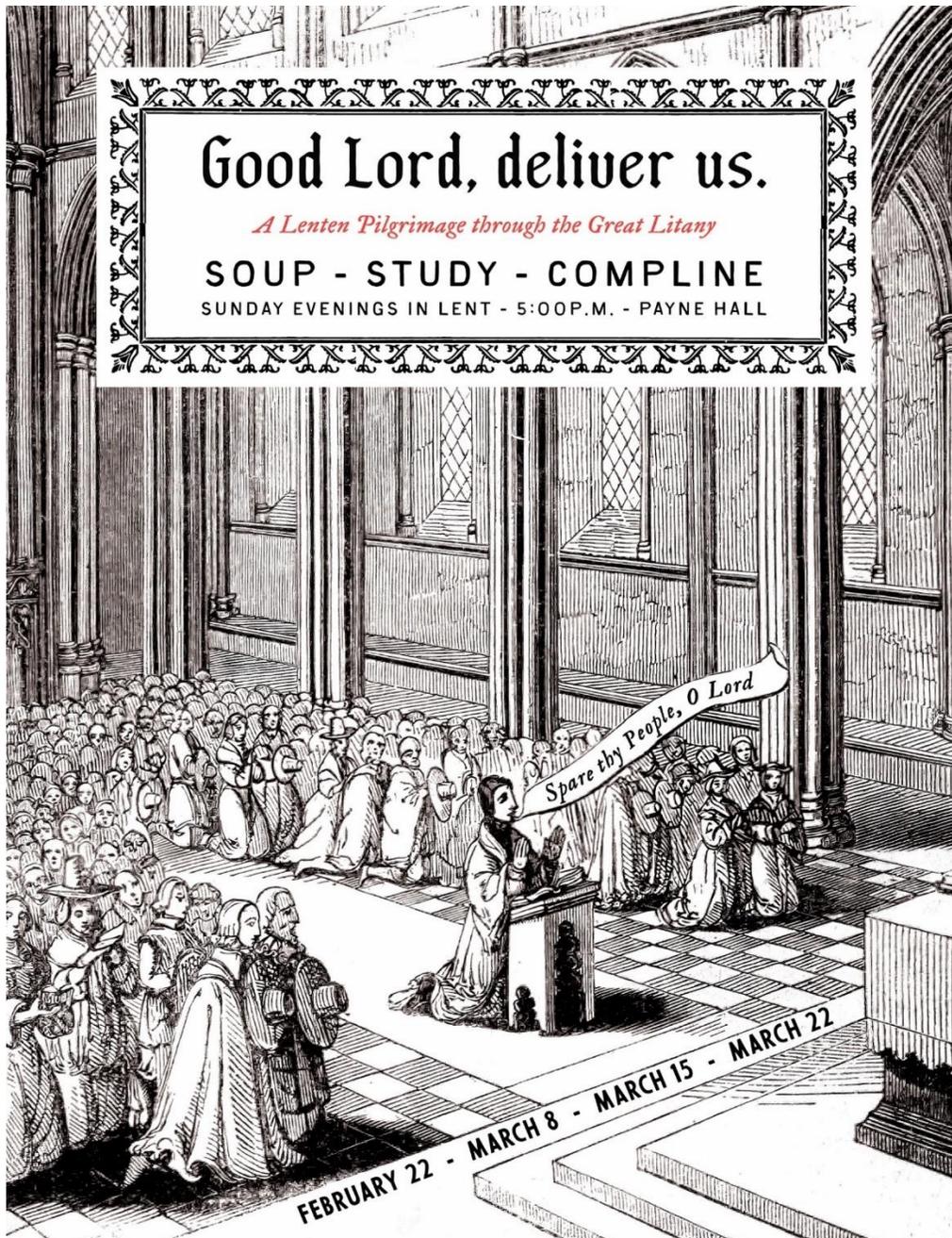
MUSIC NOTES

Our beloved Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ (Opus 1391) is “away” undergoing a complete restoration. We expect it to return in time for Easter! We are grateful to the St. Mark’s Foundation, our parishioners, community members, and SETX foundations who came forward to graciously support our preservation of this historic instrument.

Speaking of the organ, our own Jordan Williams will be among the organists offering Wednesday Lenten recitals across the street at First United Methodist Church here in Downtown Beaumont. Jordan will be on the bench March 25 at Noon.

AGO LENTEN
Organ Recitals
Wednesdays at Noon
3/11 – Dwight Peirce • 3/18 – Katya McMahan
3/25 – Jordan Williams • 4/1 – Ethan Ainsworth
First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, TX

Benefitting the Rainbow Room
Presented by the American Guild of Organists, Beaumont Chapter



ADULT FORMATION FOR LENT

SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM IN PAYNE HALL

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

March 15: Praying in Color (Pat Sherwood)

March 22: Praying with Icons (Fr. James)



RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS THIS SPRING

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

Or 7:00-8:00PM Via Zoom

The Gospel of John

March 4
March 25
April 1

April 22
May 6
May 20



'EPISCOBASICS' INQUIRERS CLASS

SUNDAYS 3:30-5:00PM IN THE GILBERT BLDG.

March 1: Anglican/Episcopal History: Fr. James

March 8: Anglican/Episcopal Structure & Mission: Dcn. Tracie

March 15: Anglican/Episcopal Worship:
Fr. James & Fr. Christopher

March 22: Anglican/Episcopal Worship /
Preparing for the Bishop's visit: Fr. James

April 12: Bishop Jeff Fisher's visitation



Grief Group

Wednesdays at 5:30PM

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Info: TMiddleton@stmarksbeaumont.org

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

3/29 PALM SUNDAY 8 & 10:30AM+

4/2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6PM+

4/3 GOOD FRIDAY 12 NOON+

4/4 EASTER EGG HUNT 11AM

4/5 EASTER WORSHIP
8AM (SPOKEN)
10:30AM+ (CHOIR, BRASS, & ORGAN)

+ CHILD CARE PROVIDED

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 2

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

11:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study (*In person*)
12:00 p.m. AA
5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Rector's Bible Study (*Zoom*)

Thursday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

Sunday, March 8

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*)
3:30 p.m. Inquirers Class
5:00 p.m. Mary Cecil Lenten Series

SAVE THE DATE

March 20 Youth Dodgeball Tournament
March 29 Palm Sunday at St. Mark's at 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 at 8 & 10:30 a.m.
April 12 Confirmation & Reception at 10:30 a.m.
April 19 Treasure House Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
April 26 St. Mark's Day Celebration

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*
The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*
The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
Lauren Johnsen, *Director of Family Ministry*

Vestry

Dr. Bob Birdwell, *Senior Warden*
Charles Teel, *Junior Warden*
Ryan Schiesler, *Treasurer*
James Black, *Chancellor*

2027

Gail Davis
Floyd McSpadden
Ed Stedman
Pat Sherwood
Charles Teel

2028

Bob Birdwell
Josh Crawford
Ali Corcoran
Maris Mehaffy
Laurel Shrontz

2029

Michael Curtis
Laura Hayes
Laurie Kent
Ed Long
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