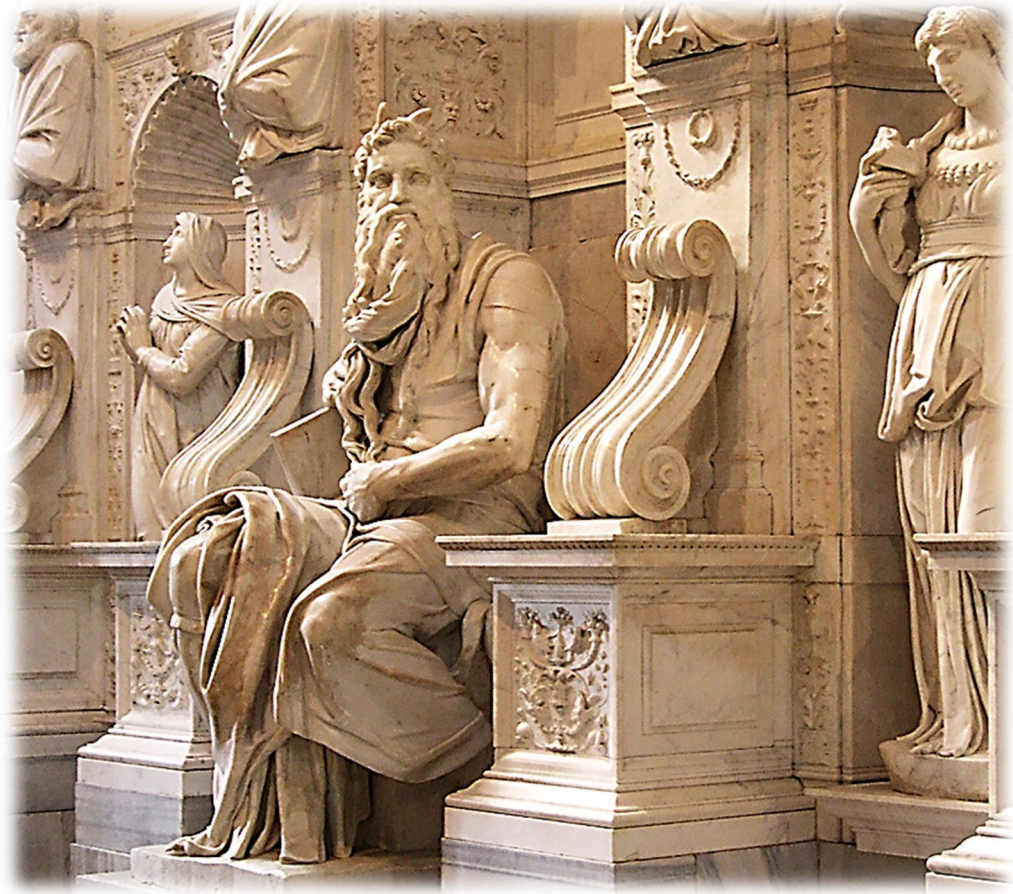


# Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Holy Eucharist, Rite I – 8:00am, March 10, 2024*



**St. Mark's Episcopal / Anglican Church**

**Fairland Parish**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector**

# Holy Eucharist, Rite I

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*The Celebrant proceeds to the Altar and says:*

### Opening Rites

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

*People:* His mercy endures forever. *Amen*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto 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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### Morning Canticle: *Kyrie*

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.*<sup>1</sup>

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant continues:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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<sup>1</sup> Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm of the Day: *Confitemini Domino***

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

*The Cantor chants the Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup> He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup> Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

<sup>18</sup> They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>20</sup> He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>22</sup> Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>2</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, <sup>4</sup>but God, who is

rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

**John 3:14-21**

*Then, all standing, a Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

*People:* Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be

exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to thee, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: Look Up!**

### **The Creed**

*As a Deacon or Priest prepares the table, the LEM leads the People as they say:*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, was made human, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried;

and on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And *we* believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father *and the Son*; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And *we* believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

We pray for those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to follow Christ's way of love.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, alone stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **Words of Comfort**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another while keeping physical distance.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we triumph over evil, and live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ‡

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ‡

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the several benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood, obtaining thereby remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall partake of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the LEM, pray*

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 Breaking of the Bread (Fraction)**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.*

*The following is said*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*As the Celebrant sets out the gifts, the LEM may lead the People as they pray*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People come forward to receive the gifts.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

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.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop, if present, or the Celebrant says*

And now, may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God be with you as you go forth from this place to serve as Christ's hands and heart among all peoples. *Amen.*

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

***Note on the Liturgy:*** During Advent and Lent, as part of those seasons' penitence and preparation, our liturgy changes slightly. The Lord's Prayer is not typically sung in these seasons, and the Fraction Anthem is most often a version of the *Agnus Dei*. "Alleluia" and the like are rarely said or sung during Advent, and not at all during Lent.

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## **LEM/Reader**

Kim Hazel

## St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, Sundays, 9:05-10:10 am. All are welcome. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

**Our current topic of study:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Enoch and Other Pseudepigrapha.

**Our next topic of study:** Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement.

2. **Monday Night Compline & Prayer Circle:** All are invited to meet on Monday evenings during Lent via Zoom from 8:00pm – 8:30pm, to pray together and develop renewing patterns of prayer. We are all called to pray. Yet it's not always easy to know how to do so. Anglican Prayer Beads and our *Book of Common Prayer* can help. See: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayers-and-thanksgivings.php#bcp>. And the Daily Office prayers: <http://bcponline.org>. If you wish to receive the Zoom link, please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.
3. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, you may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex (at the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship.
4. **Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:** We welcome and encourage you to serve at either worship service as Lector (Reader), Intercessor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter. We also would welcome a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would like to serve in any of these roles.
5. **Tending Our Soil:** Tending Our Soil is putting together a small team to take input from the congregation and public on the “Welcoming Children” project and then design it. This project should take fewer than 90 days. To express interest, please contact Beth Walton in person or by texting 240-461-1647.

6. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (March 17, 2024), following the 8:00am service, St. Mark's Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark's is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
7. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up notebook located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. The notebook includes instructions on what a host needs to do. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
8. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
9. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.

*Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.*

## Save the Date

### **Parable of the Sower Book Study and Discussion:**

Meetings will be held in the Library, on Sundays, from noon to 1:30pm, following coffee hour. The dates and discussion themes, will be as follows:

1. Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 14-16, "Kindness Eases Change"
2. Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 17-20, "Embrace Diversity, or Be Destroyed"
3. Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Chapters 21-25, "To Shape God, Shape Self"

Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or the Parish Office if you would like to join.

## Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Services

### **Sunday, March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday / Liturgy of the Palms:**

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sanctuary

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 28, 2024: Maundy Thursday:** 7:00pm Maundy Service & Holy Eucharist, *Sanctuary*.

**Friday, March 29, 2024: Good Friday:** Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, 12:00noon-2:00pm, *Sanctuary*; Solemn Collects & Passion Gospel using *A Women's Lectionary*, Year W, 7:00pm, *Sanctuary*.

**Saturday, March 30, 2024: Easter Vigil:** Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, St. Francis, Potomac, 7:30pm.

**Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday:**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, *Sanctuary*  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, *Sanctuary*

*The Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday services, and the 10:30 Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.*

## **St. Mark's Mission & Vision**

### ***Mission***

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

### ***Vision: St. Mark's***

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

*Adopted March 27, 2024*



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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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