

First Sunday in Lent

The Great Litany and the Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 – 8:00am, March 9, 2025



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish, in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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The People enter. Silence is kept.

Bidding

The Celebrant says

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the House of the Lord." Our service begins with The Great Litany. Please rise.

The Great Litany

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant leads the People in chanting or reciting the Litany.

The People respond with the words in italics:

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses
of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins.

Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to

bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners
and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are
desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the
fruits of the earth, that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by
reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women
in travail, children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose
homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who
are in danger, infirmity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help
the weak-hearted; to raise the fallen; and finally to beat down Satan under our
feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the departed eternal life and peace,
and that they and we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

26 “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there

is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

People: Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to thee, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Tested¹

The Peace

The People stand.

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.

Offering Anthem:
There is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual arr. W. L. Dawson

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain

2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

A Deacon or Priest, the LEM, and acolytes prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

¹ The text on which the Sermon is based may be found online via the links to this service in the weekly E-Letter.

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 or some other suitable fraction anthem may be sung or said here

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 in this prayer

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 sets out the gifts and 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, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop, if present, or the Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

The LEM says

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

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart.

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. When the Great

Litany is sung or said, the Creed, the Prayers of the People, the Confession, and the Words of Comfort are typically not included.

Note on the Music: The Offertory Hymn is a setting of the traditional African-American spiritual, "There is a Balm in Gilead." The words, most likely those of an enslaved African American whose name we do not know, answer the prophet Jeremiah's questions regarding the suffering of his people (Jer. 8:22): "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Yes, says this hymn, there is both. The Balm of Gilead is a rare medicinal perfume. In the hymn, it becomes a metaphor for God's healing and Christ's salvation. Gilead is a hilly, woodland area east of the River Jordan.

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**Names of candidates standing for election at the 2025 St. Mark's Annual Meeting:
10:30 am, March 16, 2025, in St. Mark's Parish Hall and via Zoom.**

Pamela Gibson, Senior Warden (2-year term)

Kim Hazel, Vestry (3-year term)

Charlene Langley, Vestry (3-year term)

Desiree Selvin, Vestry (2-year term)

Kris Taweel, Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention (1-year term; becomes delegate at 2026 Annual Meeting)

Jeraldene (Jerry) White, Vestry (3-year term)

Reader, LEM, Intercessor and Altar Guild

Reader, LEM & Intercessor: Erwin Avila

Altar Guild: Charlene & Kris

Save the Date

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Services

Sunday, April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday / Liturgy of the Palms:

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, *Sanctuary*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, April 17, 2025: Maundy Thursday:

7:00pm Maundy Service & Holy Eucharist, *Sanctuary*.

Friday, April 18, 2025: Good Friday:

Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, 12:00noon-2:00pm, **TBD**
(*not at St. Mark's*)

Passion Gospel & Solemn Collects, 7:00pm, *Sanctuary*.

Saturday, April 19, 2025: Easter Vigil:

Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, **TBD**. (*not at St. Mark's*)

Sunday, April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday:

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, *Sanctuary*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, *Sanctuary*

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

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.

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if you would like to schedule an appointment; prepare for baptism, confirmation, first
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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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