

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTH TONAWANDA**  
**March 1, 2020 – The First Sunday in Lent**



**“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...”**

**THE GATHERING**

GATHERING MUSIC

*Organist: Su Lee*

WELCOME

*Please remain seated.*

*The Rev. John Seib*

OPENING HYMN

*Forty days and forty nights*

*Hymnal 150*

PENITENTIAL RITE

*(Congregational responses are  
indicated in bold print.)*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

Let us pray that we might draw ever nearer to God on our  
Lenten journey:

*Please be seated or kneel for prayer. Silence is kept.*

**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***

Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*All able, please stand.*

10 am: *Kyrie Eleison* (Sung)

*See music insert*

## KYRIE RESPONSORY

Rejoicing in God's infinite mercy, **we welcome this Lent as a time to seek conversion and reconciliation.**

Lord Jesus, let your Spirit lead us into the desert to recover the spirit of prayer: **Lord, have mercy.**

Let your Spirit lead us into the desert to rediscover our neighbor: **Christ, have mercy.**

Let your Spirit lead us into the desert to make us see again what really matters in life: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated for the readings.*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You

will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

**All**                **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

*(10 am: Sung – Anglican Chant)*

- 1        Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
          and whose sin is put away!
- 2        Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
          and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3        While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
          because of my groaning all day long.
- 4        For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
          my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5        Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
          and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6        I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
          Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7        Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to  
          you in time of trouble; \*

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel. As the Gospel is processed, an acclamation is sung:*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      *Listen in the silence (insert)*

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew.

*All*                ***Glory to you, Lord Christ!***

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said

to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Priest*            The Gospel of Christ,

*All*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

SERMON

*The Rev. John Seib*

MUSICAL MEDITATION (Choir Anthem)    *Bless the Lord*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please be seated for prayer.*

***O Lord Hear Our Prayer** (WLP #827), is sung twice.  
Everyone is invited to join in this preparation for prayer.*

Let us offer our prayers to God, who justified us through the death of his Son and rescued us from the disobedience of our forebears, responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

That as you led your people through the waters of the Red Sea and in the desert of their awakening, so lead us through this season of Lent and into the unfolding gift of your divine imagination; let us pray. ***Kyrie eleison***

For those who are preparing to receive rites of initiation and reaffirmation at the Great Vigil of Easter and throughout the season of resurrection, and for the members of our Confirmation Class: Elizabeth Duffy, Jordan Duffy, Dana Durick, Evan Elliott, Ethan Goris, Katie Goris, Dean Mittel-Artale, Emma Nesbit, Lily Testa, Cameron Trenchard, Josh Trenchard, and Christian Schaffert. That they may come to a deeper knowledge of the faith, and profess with their lips and with their lives the liberating joy of living a Christian life; let us pray. ***Kyrie eleison***

For the courage to face our demons of confusion, desolation, and darkness, that through the agonizing quest for truth we may summon the faith and strength to put them to flight; let us pray. ***Kyrie eleison***

For our country, the world and all its leaders, that we may strive for the common good over personal gain, sharing territory and lands across tribal, religious, and ethnic divides, offering security to all, and honoring the image of God in those who differ from us; let us pray. ***Kyrie eleison***

For our absent sisters and brothers, that they may feel called to return to our community of faith, where we wait to welcome them with thanksgiving and joy; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

For all who have died and for all who are experiencing the many faces of loss, that they may know that nothing separates us from the love of God revealed through Christ Jesus; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

That we may be faithful in prayer, fasting, and the generous giving of alms, so that we may prepare our souls for the celebration of the Paschal Feast; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

With gratitude for God's unfailing love and forgiveness, we add to these prayers.

We pray for John our priest, our Vestry and other parish leaders, for all who serve God in this place, and for God's blessing and guidance as we hold our Annual Meeting.

We pray for God's healing and comfort for those connected with this congregation who are ill or homebound, and all who have asked for our prayers.

We give thanks this week for the birthdays of Timothy Kane, Riley Nesbit, Connor West, Linda Hardy, Kayleigh Mitzel-Artale, and Frank Jastrzemski.

*You may add your own prayers of thanksgiving or petition. Then the concluding collect is said by all:*

**God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen**

## THE PEACE

*All able to do so, please stand*

*Priest*

We cannot be reconciled to God if we are not reconciled to one another. So let us give a sign of peace to those beside us. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

*The members of the community greet one another. Then all return to their places and remain seated for the offertory.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*Music is played as the altar is prepared and offerings are collected. As the gifts are brought forward, all able to do so, please stand.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (10 am) **Great is thy faithfulness**  
*(verse 1 & chorus only; see insert)*

### PRESENTATION & PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Generous God, we set before you the fruits of the earth that you have given us. Nourished by the bread of your word and strengthened by your Spirit, help us share your gifts and our selves with all in need. Amen**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(BCP Prayer A)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS

8 am *Spoken, as follows:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

10 am *Sung*

***Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts***

*(For music, see insert)*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. (2x)**

**The whole earth is full of his glory. (3x)**

**Holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed is the One who comes**

**in the name of the Lord. (2x)**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**Holy is the Lord!**

*(Please be seated or kneel for the remainder of the prayer.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us

with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All* **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 ANTHEM)

*As the bread is broken, the congregation sings a Fraction Anthem:*

*Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161*

*Priest* Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Communion may be taken in both forms, or in bread or wine alone.*



*Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know if you need them. Those who choose to not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. During Communion, meditative music is played, and the following hymn is sung.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Humbly I adore thee Hymnal 314*

## SENDING OUT OF THE DISCIPLES

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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**

### SOLEMN LENTEN BLESSING

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. *Amen*

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. *Amen*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. *Amen*

And may the blessing of God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSING HYMN

*Now let us all with one accord  
Hymnal 147*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. *Amen***

POSTLUDE

**Whether you're visiting or regularly attend St. Mark's, you are very welcome here.** If you are visiting, our ushers will be happy to answer any questions. Please sign our Guest Book located on the table near the door.

**TODAY our Annual General Meeting & Vestry Election** will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. (Ballots for the election are available following both the 8 and 10 am services.) Please take this opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of the past year at St. Mark's, and help us plan for the future! ***NOTE: Lunch will be provided for the Annual Meeting.***

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## **ST. MARK'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There is no Confirmation Class today** – members of the group are asked to attend the Annual Meeting.

**Mid-Week Eucharist & Roundtable Discussion will be held in the chapel at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 4.**

In this service we look for inspiration in the lives of men/women commemorated by the church. This week we'll learn about the ministry and impact of John and Charles Wesley.

**Next Friday afternoon – at 1 pm on March 6 – St Mark's will be hosting the local World Day of Prayer Program.** This yearly service is organized by Church Women United of the Tonawandas. The theme will be "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," based on materials prepared by women of Zimbabwe. There will be a reception following the service. If you can donate cookies, fruit, or other light refreshments, please contact Kathy Chase (315-775-9852 or kathleenchase716@gmail.com).

**Lectionary readings assigned for NEXT SUNDAY, March 8:**  
Genesis 12:1-4a • Ps. 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 • John 3:1-17

**The "Lunch Bunch" is going to the Deerwood Golf Course Restaurant on Tuesday, March 10.** This month we'll be meeting later, at 1 pm. All are welcome to join this friendly gathering; contact Lin Kucharski to RSVP.

**Experience the health benefits of therapeutic massage...right here at St. Mark's,** with special discount rates available to our parishioners! Call Marlene Marciniak, LMT at 743-8844 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

If you are interested in information about *opportunities for worship, fellowship and study during Lent*, please see our Facebook page or website, or provide us with your contact information (on a sign-up sheet in the hallway). We will likely be offering a weekday evening program, either on Wednesday or Friday evenings.

**Wondering about changes in our worship during Lent?**

Learn what they are and the reasons/traditions behind them in the lilac sheet available this week.



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