

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTH TONAWANDA



March 8, 2020 – The Second Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Organist: Su Lee

WELCOME

The Rev. Deacon Rosey Nogle

OPENING HYMN

*The God of Abraham praise
Hymnal 401*

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 us, pardon and deliver us
from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us 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 for fresh starts and new journeys.**

Lord Jesus, you are sent by God that we might have
abundant and eternal life: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ our Savior, you bring us new birth through the waters of baptism and the gift of the Spirit: **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you call us to walk with you, stepping forward in faith: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the readings.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

8 am: *Said*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your
coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

10 am: *Sung*

I to the hills

Hymnal 668

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)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the

Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“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.

“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.”

At the conclusion of the reading:

Deacon The Gospel of Christ,

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

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Rosey Nogle

MUSICAL MEDITATION (Choir Anthem)

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 pray to the one who renews our life and restores our fortunes, as we respond, “Kyrie eleison.”

That we may be willing to make extraordinary journeys in response to the gospel, leaving behind old patterns of living, and embracing the new path that God is setting before us, knowing that he will watch over us and preserve us from the Evil One; let us pray. ***Kyrie eleison***

For the grace to recognize the power of envy and jealousy that reside in our hearts, and to dispel the demons that masquerade as their glory, trusting that God's transforming hand will conform us to the Body of Christ; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison

That we may honor the worker, paying a fair wage for honest labor; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

That we may see our salvation through the lens of faith, focusing on the endless mercy of Jesus Christ, through whom we have been justified and given the gift of everlasting life; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

For all who have died, and for all who are afraid to die to the memories which enslave them to the past, that stones may be removed from every tomb which keeps us from sharing in Christ's promise of abundant life; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

That this Eucharistic Meal may strengthen us in our Lenten resolve to live more deeply into the heart of God's word; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

That candidates for baptism and confirmation and their families may marvel at the presence of God throughout history and in the midst of our current age. We especially ask God's blessing on the members of our Confirmation Class: Elizabeth Duffy, Jordan Duffy, Dana Durick, Evan Elliott, Ethan Goris, Katie Goris, Dean Mitzel-Artale, Emma Nesbit, Lily Testa, Cameron Trenchard, Josh Trenchard, and Christian Schaffert; let us pray. *Kyrie eleison*

As a people born of water and the Spirit, let us join in the continuation of our prayers.

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 Katie Elliott, Richard Harris, Janet Kuntz, Scott Smith, and William Williams.

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

God of compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people. You call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path – confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

All able to do so, please stand

Deacon 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 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 every-
where 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 prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon 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**

COMMUNION

The congregation sings an Anthem: Agnus Dei - Hymnal S-161

Deacon 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.**

Deacon The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God!**

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 server 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 *Here, O my Lord* *Hymnal 318*

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSING HYMN

*The great Creator of the world
Hymnal 489*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen

POSTLUDE

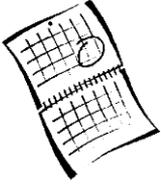
Whether you're visiting or regularly attend St. Mark's, you are very welcome here. If you are visiting, our ushers will be happy to answer any questions. Please sign our Guest Book located on the table near the door.

***PLEASE JOIN US** for refreshments & conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the 10 am service. Treats for this morning's coffee hour have been provided by the women of St. Mark's who organized the World Day of Prayer reception here on Friday.*



Many thanks – and a warm welcome – to our officiant this morning, The Rev. Deacon Rosey Nogle. She is the most recently ordained member of the clergy of the Diocese of Western New York, and is currently assigned as curate to Trinity Episcopal Church on Delaware Avenue in the city of Buffalo. Deacon Rosey is a transitional deacon which means that she will soon be ordained as a priest rather than continue to serve as a deacon. She works full-time as an engineer for the Buffalo Sewer Authority and lives in Buffalo with her husband Mike, a native of Tonawanda, and her two sons Ezekiel (6) and Malachi (3).

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ST. MARK'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing Prayer/Anointing will be part of next Sunday's services, when Fr. John has returned.

Mid-Week Eucharist & Roundtable Discussion will be held in the chapel at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 11. In this service we look for inspiration in the lives of men/ women commemorated by the church. This week we'll reflect on the life and ministry of Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome.

St. Mark's hosted the local World Day of Prayer Program on Friday. Eight women represented St. Mark's at the service and reception, and others assisted with set-up and food. Thanks to all who helped us welcome folks from neighboring churches!

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

Lectionary readings assigned for NEXT SUNDAY, March 15:
Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42.

We're continuing our traditional "Supper and Stations" held on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Everyone is invited to join us for food, fellowship and worship. Come to the Guild Room at 6 pm to share a meal and conversation,

and/or join us afterwards in the Sanctuary (at about 6:30 pm) as we retrace the “Way of the Cross.”

Our **Annual Meeting & Vestry Election** last week was well attended. A full slate was elected to fill the new terms and vacant positions. Thanks to the Vestry for providing a great Italian lunch – and especially to John Chiarmonte, Rich Fischer and Rebecca Goris for their work on this event!

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, **March 22, is “Bread Sunday”** – observed here by bringing a loaf of homemade bread to church to be shared with shut-ins or at Coffee Hour. If you can do this, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall.

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.

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.

Prayers for the Week of Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Sunday In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of the Congo. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Andrew's, Buffalo; and St. John's Grace, Buffalo. Among our local churches, we pray for: North Presbyterian Church of North Tonawanda, St. Martin Lutheran Church, Vanguard Church, and our Deanery Partner - Christ Church, Lockport.

Monday We pray for all who are sick, suffering or in any need or trouble. We especially ask for God's healing and comfort for those who are ill or homebound, and all

who have asked for our prayers, including: Fr. Glenn Fuller, Theresa Arndt, Harold Becker, Jessica Cameron, Libby Foels, Fritzi Gerwitz, Ellie Zdrojewski, Joan McKernan, Tom Prusinowski, Zhou Benaich Harding, Michelle Young, Geraldine Orchard, Pat Mahoney, John Kucharski (Junior), Art Lee, Susan and Scott Thibault, Joe Rudd, Melissa Danis, Beth Rossow, Betty Lamb, Jeff Donato, Karen, Julie, Susan, Lois, Bill, Audrey, Robin, Mark, Robert, Joe and Virginia.

Tuesday We ask that God will guide the leaders in our country and the world, strengthening their commitment to justice and peace. We pray for Donald our President, Andrew our governor, our legislators, our courts, and our service men and women.

Wednesday We give thanks for the many who contribute their skills to our worship. We pray for our Choir, Organist, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Acolytes, Ushers, Sunday School Teachers, our priest Fr. John, and our seminarian, Katie Smith.

Thursday We rejoice in the many blessings of this life, giving thanks for the birthdays of Katie Elliott, Richard Harris, Janet Kuntz, Scott Smith, and William Williams.

Friday We give thanks for all the members of this congregation who give of themselves in service to God and others. We pray for our Vestry and Officers. We ask God's blessing on the members of our Confirmation Class: Elizabeth Duffy, Jordan Duffy, Dana Durick, Evan Elliott, Ethan Goris, Katie Goris, Dean Mitzel-Artale, Emma Nesbit, Lily Testa, Cameron Trenchard, Josh Trenchard, and Christian Schaffert.

Saturday We give thanks for the buildings and grounds, and the rich heritage entrusted to us. We pray for our Sextons.



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