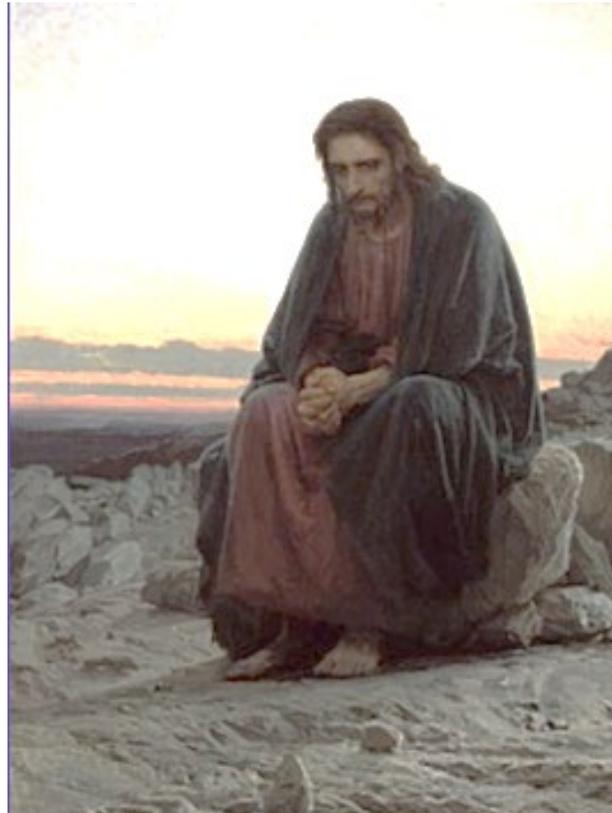
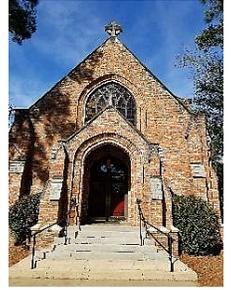


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TROY, ALABAMA

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

We prepare for the service in silence.

*Please note: **only the choir sings***

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick - Bishop of the
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Dr. John Jinright - Organist

Dr. Catherine Allard - Choir Director

Officiant - Haden Tirey

Please observe a moment of silence after the prelude to prepare
our hearts and minds for worship.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The Officiant begins the service.

BCP 76

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Confession of Sin (*said in unison, all kneeling*)

BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 (*All stand, said in unison*)

BCP 82

Psalm 25:1-9

BCP 614

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his

A Song of Penitence *(said in unison)*

BCP 90

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed *(said in unison, all standing)*

BCP 96

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

BCP 97

Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Suffrages B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. *We praise your name for ever.*
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. *For we put our trust in you.*
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Prayers of the People: Form I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Russell, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Pensacola; Prayers for the gathering of the Diocesan Convention; Episcopal Relief and Development and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President, and Kay, our Governor for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Troy, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our prayer list: Lyra, Catherine, Pam, Frances, Joe, Debbie, Dave, Catie, Joe, Pam, Bess, David, Al, Buddy, Jo, Ed, Jean, Travis, Teresa, Steve, Shannon, Sarah, Kaye, David, Chuck, Carol, Barbara, Al, Miss Annette, Lauren, Sue, Doug, Stephanie, Valerie, Clay, Cooper, Caleb, and Jennifer let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the military; for the individuals and families served by St. Mark's Food Pantry; thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week: Tess Haffner and David and Suzanne Price who are celebrating their anniversary this week. let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, especially the Inmates and Staff at the Pike County Jail and in the Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer: Bay Correctional Facility & Juvenile Facility, Panama City, FL let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all those affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good. Give public health and government officials the strength and will to act with wisdom and compassion in service to all. Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts and heal all those who are sick with the virus. Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, please be with everyone struggling from the disasters caused by the recent snow, ice and cold temperatures. Keep them safe, and bring help to them soon. God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Concluding Collects

Prayer for Our Parish:

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the parish of St. Mark's. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our

common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your whole Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The General Thanksgiving (*Officiant and People, say together, kneeling*) BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant and People, say together*) BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Officiant Let us pray.

THE DISMISSAL - *stand* BCP 102

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

Postlude "Postlude" *Rinck*

We thank everyone attending today, either here in person, or over the internet.
May the good Lord bless and keep you today and always.

Serving Today

Officiant: Haden Tirey
LEM: Elizabeth Dawson
Crucifer: Addison Armstrong
1st Reading: Catherine Allard
2nd Reading: John Jinright
Prayers: Jessica Pollack
Usher: Caleb Dawson
Altar Guild: Joyce Cooper, Judy Dye

February 28th

Officiants: Convention Delegates:
Joyce Landers, Avie Medeiros,
and Donna Schubert
LEM: Caleb Dawson
Crucifer: Josephine Dawson
1st Reading: Deb Davis
2nd Reading: Deb Davis
Prayers: Tom Davis
Usher: Tom Davis
Altar Guild: Teri Williams, Amy Gaskin



Food Pantry

St. Mark's provides supplemental food to the community from three locations:

- Seabury House, Monday-Thursday, 9:00–12:00
- The Boys & Girls Club at 1318 N Three Notch Street
- The Charles Henderson Child Health Clinic, at 1300 US-231

St. Mark's Food Pantry continue to provide individually wrapped, pre-packaged (for COVID safety) snacks, fruits, nuts, cheeses, and other items for staff who cannot pause for a meal at the Troy Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Jail Ministry: We continue serving the inmates and staff by sending cards each month to let them know that we are thinking about them, and that they remain in our prayers.

Canterbury Club: The Troy University Canterbury Club is the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Troy University. We invite students of all identities to join us. **We are meeting through Zoom these days, but hope to start meeting again in person, soon.**

Sunday School for our young children, led by Robert Pullen, meets via Zoom every Sunday at 11:00. They are studying various parables over the coming weeks. This week they will be studying the Prodigal Son.

Our church leaders feel that it is important to give the children a chance to be together and to hear the stories of our faith. Joyce Cooper creates and delivers an activity packet for each Sunday to the children so that they have something hands-on to do each week. If you have a child who isn't participating yet, please call the church office to get them added to the list.

The most important part of Sunday School is the chance to be with each other and to hear from each other. The children enjoy bringing their stuffed animals and toys to share. They tell their stories too.

St. Mark's Vestry

Senior Warden: Judy Dye

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Clerk: Joanna Taylor

Adam Blackstock, Ann Hart,

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