Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *(2x)*
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. *(2x)*
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *(2x)*

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord's Prayer *said by all* BCP 336

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.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *said by all* BCP 337

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 is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, 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.

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem – Unashamed love Lamont Hiebert

Communion Hymns *sung by all*

Hungry I come to you for I know you satisfy
I am empty but I know your love does not run dry - So I wait for you *(2x)*

Chorus I'm falling on my knees offering all of me
Jesus you're all this heart is living for

Broken I run to you for your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know your touch restores my life - So I wait for you *(2x)*

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Find me in the river find me on my knees
I've walked against the water now I'm waiting if you please
We've longed to see the roses but never felt the thorns
And bought our pretty crowns but never paid the price

Chorus Find me in the river find me there
Find me on my knees with my soul laid bare
Even though you're gone and I'm cracked and dry
Find me in the river I'm waiting here (for you)

Find me in the river find me on my knees
I've walked against the water now I'm waiting if you please
We didn't count on suffering we didn't count on pain
But if the blessing's in the valley then in the river we'll wait *Chorus*

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Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when applicable)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that *[those to whom you go]* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand

Prayer for Mission *said by all* BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*

I want to walk as a child of the light *(Houston)* Hymnal 490

Dismissal BCP 339

VISITOR INFORMATION

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code→

Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors Derick Brundick, Randy Gordon, Linda Crofton
Acolytes Virginia Beard, Hunter Long, Annie Long
Chalice Bearers Christine Burkett, Linda Crofton, Mallory Douglas, Jordan Eyrick
Greeters Judy Lanier, Leighton Tesche
Ushers Will Tutwiler, Mike Davidson, Ben DeVino, Randy Gordon, Andrew Taylor **Verger** Scott Hobby
Altar Guild Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite I - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – The Lord's my Shepherd (Psalm 23) Stuart Townend

Please stand

Hymn in Procession – Wonderful Cross *sung by all*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

See from his head his hands his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all *Chorus*

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Penitential Order BCP 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Summary of the Law BCP 319

Celebrant 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.

Please kneel

Confession and Absolution BCP 320

Please stand

Kyrie *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 23 (KJV) *read in unison*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;*
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn – Amazing grace (My chains are gone) *sung by all*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free my God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me his word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures *Chorus*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be (you are) forever mine

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Holy Gospel – John 9:1-41

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children's Chapel as the congregation sings "Jesus loves me".

Sermon – The Rev. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 326

Prayers of the People – Form V BCP 389

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Above all Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Balouche

Please stand

Offertory Hymn *sung by all*

When the music fades all is stripped away and I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song for a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about you all about you Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it when it's all about you all about you Jesus

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

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.**

The Celebrant continues…