Morning Prayer

February 14
The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Join via Zoom here:  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85170905334

While we encourage you to participate fully, please mute your microphone during the singing and responsive parts of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when offering prayers; then mute again when you have finished.

Welcoming Prayer
Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us as part of the St. Mark’s family. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who worships with us feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this community be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Has Broken  Hymnal 8

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

Officiant: Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. He will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
Response: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.
Response: Come, let us adore him. Alleluia

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Holy One;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
For you, O God, are a great God;
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before God, our Maker,
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant: To us a child is born: Come let us adore him.
Response: Come, let us adore him. Alleluia
The Lessons

A Reading from Second Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Salmo 50 / Psalm 50

ESPAÑOL:
El SEÑOR, el Dios de dioses ha hablado.
   Él ha llamado, de oriente a occidente, a todos los habitantes de la tierra.
Dios resplandece desde Sion, el monte de perfecta hermosura.
Nuestro Dios viene y no lo hace en silencio.
Hay un fuego destructor delante de él y a su alrededor se escucha una fuerte tormenta.
Dios le pide al cielo y a la tierra que sean testigos cuando venga a juzgar a su gente.
«Mi pueblo fiel, reúnanse a mi alrededor, ustedes que hicieron un pacto conmigo, ofreciendo un sacrificio».
Los cielos proclaman que Dios es un juez justo

ENGLISH:
The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory. Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people. “Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.” Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

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

A Reading from Second Corinthians

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Purify My Heart  Renew 187

Purify my heart,
touch me with your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross;
your holiness is my desire.
Breathe your life in me,
kindle a love that flows from your throne.
Oh, purify my heart.
Purify my heart.

The Gospel

Lector: A reading from the Gospel of Mark.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon ~ Fr. Richard

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant    Lord, have mercy.
People       Christ, have mercy.
Officiant    Lord, have mercy.

Officiant    Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People       and grant us your salvation.
Officiant    Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People       Let your people sing with joy.
Officiant    Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People       For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant    Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People       And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant    Let your way be known upon earth;
People       Your saving health among all nations.
Officiant    Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People       Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant    Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People       And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor: Let us hear your voice as we kneel in awe before you. May we not be
the same, after recognizing your glory.
Merciful and gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

In our global Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember today the Anglican Church
of Canada. Merciful and gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.
In our own diocese, we pray today for the clergy and people of St. Peter’s, Del Mar. Merciful and gracious Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Speak to us of peace. Call us to work for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in your Church, in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and in this world. Merciful and gracious Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, whose souls are weary or wounded. Overshadow us with your awesome presence. Walk down from the mountaintop with us, and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing and love. Merciful and gracious Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Surround us with supportive people, the resources we need, and a tangible sense of your love. And we pray for those in our lives who have asked for our prayers, especially those we now name:

(Feel free to unmute, say the names of those you wish to pray for and remute.)

Merciful and gracious Lord,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name:

(Feel free to unmute, say the names of those who have died and remute.)

Merciful and gracious Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Carrying all these spoken and unspoken concerns, let us pray the way Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts:

Our Father in heaven,
  hallowed be your Name,
  your kingdom come,
  your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon
the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his
countenance, may be strengthened to hear our cross, and be changed into his
likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and those facing uncertainty

For a Birthday
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N.
as she/he begins another year. Grant that she/he may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen her/his trust in your goodness all the days of her/his life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary
O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented
the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing
upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in
faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be
a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For People Facing Uncertainty
God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the
frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring
hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to
endure what cannot be avoided, for your will for us is health, care and
wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen.

Announcements

Offerings  www.stmarks-cityheights.org/giving-online
The Blessing for today and of Ash Wednesday Ashes

Officiant: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless our God.
People: To God be thanks for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.


Love Divine All Loves Excelling  Hymnal 657

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
ever more they temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Officiant: Our worship service has come to an end, our service to the world continues. Go in peace to love serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
ANNOUNCEMENTS — February 14

Lent, Already?! — Yes, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Things to know:
1. Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be celebrated via Zoom @ 7 p.m. on Feb. 17.
2. Blessed ashes will be delivered to your home in advance of Ash Wed.
3. Our communal Lenten practice this year includes sharing daily reflections and meditations (email daily). If you have not yet received an invitation to contribute a reflection, and would like to, please contact Fr. Richard, Mtr. Hannah, Debbie, Thérèse, or Katherine. We hope that you will be inspired to create a meditation from your faith and life.

Adult Ed during Lent — Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., February 24-March 24 (5 meetings via Zoom). Join this diocesan-wide book study on Creation Care. The book is: Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change by Jim Antal. Participants are asked to get a copy of the book before the first meeting. Click here to register. Find more information in this week’s newsletter.

Pantry News & Needs:
Our pantry is open Wednesday and Thursday, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. every week. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Amy Ennenga, 406-291-3149. This week we need:
1. pasta sauce & tomato products
2. monetary donations (via our website) to buy food in bulk.
For convenient food donations order online from this WISH LIST and your order will ship directly to Amy Ennenga.

Compline & Morning Prayer — Visit the St. Mark’s Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stmarks.cityheights, Mondays-Thursdays at 8 p.m. for Compline and Fridays at 8 a.m. for Morning Prayer. If you are interested in leading or would like to learn how to, contact Katherine Gordon. Thank you to all who help make this online ministry possible!

Donations/pledges: Thank you for your 2021 continued support. Please mail checks made out to “St Mark’s” to P.O. Box 5788, San Diego 92165 or you can make online donations via our website: stmarks-cityheights.org/giving-online. Haven’t yet had a chance to pledge? You can do so on-line: https://stmarks-cityheights.org/pledge/
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LENT 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY
FEB. 17 @ 7 P.M. VIA ZOOM
blessed ashes delivered to your home prior to Ash Wed.

DAILY LENTEN PARISH MEDITATIONS
VIA E-MAIL
If you have already submitted a meditation, thank you! If you have not and would like to contribute please contact Mtr. Hannah: rev.hannah@stmarks-cityheights.org

LENT MADNESS
DAILY LENTEN DEVOTION
on-line 'golden halo competition' of Saints lighthearted, yet inspirational & educational sign up details in Saintly Scorecard booklet delivered to your home before Ash Wed.