THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

315 East Pecan Street San Antonio, Texas

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Welcome!

As Christians formed in a rich liturgical tradition, we believe that when we assemble for worship, we are gathering as the Body of Christ. Liturgy, a word we use for our way of worship, literally may be translated as "the work of the people." We are enriched by your presence and participation whether this is your first time visiting with us or you are a committed member of our parish.

We are a vibrant downtown community that is ready to welcome you wherever you may find yourself on your journey. We believe that the radical hospitality offered by Jesus Christ is one that we should model in our community life together as we seek to live out the Good News.

Our core vocation is to Feed San Antonio with the Bread of Life; we do this in ministry by:

Feeding the hungry with real food
Feeding those who are hungry for knowledge and meaning
Feeding those who are hungry for beauty and creativity

For more information about our community, see announcements at the back of this leaflet and please visit our website at www.stmarks-sa.org

Visitors: Please take a moment and fill out a Welcome Guest card that can be found in the pews. This can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or greeter. If you would like to fill out a guest card but did not fill one out at church, visit our Welcome page at www.stmarks-sa.org or call us at 210-226-2426.

Nursery Available

Our Nursery, located in the Parish House, is available for children, ages 6wks-5yrs. Also, please see the pew card for further information about including children in our worship experience.

Children's Chapel

At the 9am service, there is a special Children's Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word that begins in the Jerusalem Chapel for preschool and elementary aged children. Children join their parents in the church at the Peace in time for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion and Gluten Free Wafers

Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians regardless of denominational affiliation. We welcome children to receive at the table as well. Gluten free communion wafers are available by request. If you prefer to not receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest so we will know this is your desire.

Free parking is available for Sundays and weekday church activities in either of the two church lots.

The east lot is located at the corner of Jefferson and Pecan,
and the west lot borders Pecan Street between the bus station and St. Mark's.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 9.00 AM AND 11.15 AM

THE GREAT LITANY (see insert)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson – Genesis 9:8-17 (see p. 7)

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

At the Gradual, Psalm 25:1-9



- 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 tri/umph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame;* let the treacherous be disappoint/ed 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 ev/erlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good/ness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD;* therefore he teaches sin/ners 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 tes/timonies.

(11.15am) The Second Lesson – 1 Peter 3:18-22 (see p. 7)

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

At the Sequence, Hymn 150

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The Holy Gospel – Mark 1:9-15 (see p. 8)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

AT THE OFFERTORY, AN ANTHEM

(9.00) Ex ore innocentium John Ireland

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own son should come from heaven and die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true: he chose a poor and humble lot
And wept and toiled, and mourned and died, for love of thou who loved him not.
I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me.
But even could I see him die, I should but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.
And yet I want to love thee, Lord: O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

(11.15) Call to remembrance

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:

but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

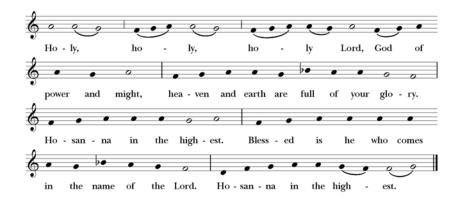
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Here, a Proper Preface is spoken.] 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:

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Plainsong



The people stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.



At the Distribution

HYMN 559

Dulce carmen

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that others may share in the communion of

Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we are one in Christ Jesus.

THE THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 142 St. Flavian

SOLEMN PROCESSION

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

The First Lesson - Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Second Lesson - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Holy Gospel - Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT OFFERINGS

Rite of Reconciliation - Lent is a season which invites us to slow down and reflect on all aspects of our lives, including a chance to look back at what has been in the past. Often, we find that there are things in our past which weigh on us or burden us. The Church offers the chance to confess our sins and lay our burdens down. To that end, we have put together a document on preparing for confession and it is available on the Lent page of our website. This series of thoughts and reflections should be helpful to anyone seeking to use the Rite. If you are interested in making your confession using the Rite of Reconciliation, please contact the church office; St. Mark's clergy will be available to schedule a time with during the week.

Lenten Art Exhibit- The St. Catherine's Guild, in collaboration with the Diocese of West Texas World Mission Department, is pleased to present The Faces of Kurdistan, a series of photographs taken by Terry Koehler and available for viewing during the season of Lent on the 1st floor of the Parish House. Kurdistan, a region of Northern Iraq, is an ancient land, known from Biblical times with characters such as Nahum the Prophet, Jonah, and St. Thomas the Apostle. Sadly, today, the words often heard of the region are "genocide," "refugees," "despair." This exhibit is meant to introduce the beautiful people now facing those trials. The vivid photos of Yezidis, Muslims, and Christians from Kurdistan invite reflection on God's presence and work in the world and in our lives. Terry will be here to speak about Kurdistan and the photos on Thursday, March 1 at 10am in Gish Hall.

Music in the Park - As a response to the wonderful energy and excitement last year, "Music in the Park" will take place again each Wednesday in Lent (February 21 - March 21) from 12.00pm until 1.00pm in Travis Park. You are invited to pick up a soup and biscuit lunch to go from St. Mark's and walk across Pecan St. to Travis Park where you'll be serenaded by several of our musical parish members and their talented friends. Musicians will be playing tunes from various musical genres and have been invited to intersperse their music with stories about how they've experienced the sacred -- the holy -- the divine in and through their music. We hope you will join us. The lineup includes Men Off Work (featuring Len Briley) on February 21, Half Past One (featuring Mike Clancey) on February 28, Rick Cavender Band on March 7, Mothership (featuring Albert Steves) on March 14, and Bach Fest (featuring Joe Causby) on March 21.

Volunteers Needed - We are seeking volunteers to help as greeters, biscuit bakers, and soup servers. If you are interested, contact Susan Waltrip at 2susan@sbcglobal.net or Katie McDonough at katesmcd@yahoo.com. Volunteer for one Wednesday or more. All are welcome!

VESTRY DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

As part of the new Vestry nominating process, we are beginning to identify potential members of the Discernment Committee who will nominate the slate of Vestry candidates for the Class of 2021. We are looking for 12 members and would like to receive input from all segments of the Parish in filling positions on the committee. Any person who is named to the Discernment Committee agrees to not seek nomination to the Vestry slate. We are seeking people who will provide candid, confidential input and who will actively participate in the process of identifying future leadership of the Parish. Please contact current Senior Warden Paul Allen at pallen@StevesDoors.com, former Senior Warden Robert Pollom at Robert@KRWLAWYERS.COM, or Craig Stokes at cstokes@stokeslawoffice.com, if you are interested in serving on the committee or if you know of someone whom you believe would be a good candidate for the committee. We would like to receive the names of potential members on or before February 28, 2018.

GIFT OF YEARS

The Gift of Years Book Study will meet the five Tuesdays in Lent, beginning on February 20 and through March 20, from 10.00-11:30am in the Dean Richardson Room. The book for this study is *Grace in Aging* by Katherine Singh, and it will be available in the St. Mark's Bookstore. We will begin with the chapter on forgiveness - page 151. We welcome those who were not with us in the fall and are confident that they will enjoy the book as much as we have.

MUSIC FROM ST. MARK'S

Sunday, February 18 at 5.00pm - Organ Recital Friday, February 23 at 5.45pm - Choral Evensong

LOVE TO READ DAY AT CROCKETT ELEMENTARY

"Love to Read" Day will be held at Crockett Elementary, our adopted school, on Friday, March 2. The day will begin at 7:45 am with an orientation, followed by classroom reading from 8:15 am to 10:15 am. Volunteers will be asked to read a story to classes in PreK-2nd grades. This is a one-time commitment. Ongoing reading/mentoring opportunities are also available. For more information or to volunteer, please email Amy Phipps (adphipps@att.net)

IMAGES OF THE DIVINE IN FILM

Friday, March 2 - NEW DATE at 6.00pm

Facilitated by The Rev. Carol Morehead

Join us for the third *Images of the Divine in Film*, where we will continue to explore how God is often experienced in varied and unusual ways, including through media and film. This class is an experiential one in which we will view and discuss films together. Our third film is *The Tree of Life*, which is especially appropriate during Lent, when we explore our own past and often seek to turn again toward God. A visually beautiful film, the themes are soul searching and at times dark; this is more reflective than our first two offerings, with much food for discussion. The film for the evening is for adults only, and we will also have a parallel opportunity for the kids of those who are attending, which will include dinner, games, and a movie of their own that is just right for them, as well as nursery for itty bitty's. A Lenten dinner is provided; please reserve your spot by emailing The Rev. Carol Morehead at cmorehead@stmarks-sa.org. The April 13 date will be rescheduled; stay tuned.

WORKDAYS IN ROCKPORT

Saturday, March 3, April 7, and May 5

St. Mark's will have an opportunity for members to help out in Rockport. We will be doing manual labor in and outside of people's homes so please wear work clothes. If you are interested in helping out in Rockport, please sign up on the Sign Ups/ Reservations page of the website. As the Saturday approaches, volunteers will receive an email with more details. We need to know the Wednesday before the workday at 5.00pm if you will be volunteering.

BELDING SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for St. Mark's college scholarship program for women is available under the Ministries section of our website. Applicants must be a female member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio TX. Preference is given to applicants who are active participants in the fellowship of St. Mark's at the time of original application. Applications will be due by March 15. This scholarship, made possible by an estate gift from Enid Belding, is "...to be used to help provide a college education for worthy young women at St. Mark's Parish." Scholarship money may be used for college expenses such as room, board, tuition and/or books.

FORMATION THIS SUNDAY

ADULT FORMATION

The Rector's Forum - Discerning the Word of God: The Prophetic Task of Engaging Reality, Grief, and Hope, Lent

February 18 - March 11

Meets in Gish Hall, 3rd Floor at 10.10am

Led by The Rev. Beth Knowlton and The Rev. Dr. John Lewis

This four-week Lenten class, using themes from Walter Bruegemann's book, Reality, Grief, and Hope-Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks, will help us look at our cultural current context and our calling as Christians. The Word of God being Living and Active means we need to engage in the context we have been placed. We need to be willing to challenge cultural assumptions through the lens of God's promises and our obedience. The process of seeing the world as it is, allows us to name our grief in areas where it has fallen short of God's vision. This is not to leave us despondent, but to move us towards a more genuine expression of faithful hope.

Track 2 - Eucharistic Instruction

February 18 - March 11 Meets in Jerusalem Chapel, 2nd Floor at 10.10am Led by The Rev. Matt Wise

Designed especially for 2nd and 3rd graders and their families, this class dives into the rhythms and meaning of the Holy Eucharist. Classes include looking at different parts of the service, handling the holy hardware, making bread, and understanding the sacred space. Designed to be hands-on, the class invites these young people to be active participants on Sundays.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Children's Formation

PreK - Kinder (Room 205) 1st and 2nd grade (Room 206) 3rd - 5th grade (Room 208)

Lessons for Sunday, February 18

3 yrs - 2nd grade: The Sower/Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

3rd - 5th grade: Noah's Ark/Genesis 6-9

Youth Formation - Making it Real and Relevant

Meets in the Youth Suite, on the 3rd floor at 10.10am

6th-12th grade

Led by Meredith Rogers

We will utilize music, movies, and videos to bring the lectionary to life.

Sunday, February 18 - Jesus' Baptism/Mark 1.9-13, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Isaiah 58.1-9a

Youth Confirmation

January 21, 28, February 4, 18, 25, March 4, 18, April 8, 15, and 22

Meets in the Dean Richardson Room, on the 2nd floor at 10.10am

Led by The Rev. Carol Morehead and The Rev. Matt Wise

Students are expected to attend all session as well as to participate in the Day of Prayer and Service on Sunday, March 18 and to attend a dinner with the Bishop on April 24.

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Needs:
Andy Alden
Tony Allen
Elizabeth Breazeale
Allison Duesing
Julane Heiss
Dick Johnson
Eleanor Phelps
Patricia Scott
Frank Sitton
Patsy Steves

Those with long-term concerns:

Roderick Brazil

Patricia Daniels-Hawkins

David Franz Josie Garza Christopher Haff Hudson Hanselman

Sue Hill Lee Holder Ann Hutchison Eleanor Johnson Marcia Krech Carole Leeder Jennie Lou Leeder Geoffrey Martin

Amanda Marie Macdaniel

Margie Matthews

Jackie Brady

Jim McCutcheon

Amanda Ochse

Ruth Peyton

Kristopher Raygoza

Lynda Richards

Deaths:

Jackie Brady

Jeffrey Castillo

Pat Dennis

Luther Fluke

Phil Goeken

John Hollje

Walter Schoellmann

Pam Simon Glenn Smith

Mel Richards

Barbara Smith-Townsend

George Stewart
Sebastian Terrell
Frank Van Wagoner
Patsy Warncke
Gloria Williams
Erik Wolfe

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7.45am, Holy Eucharist Rite I

Lector – John Younger Ushers – Raymond and Norma Baird Altar Guild – Marijane Gish, Nancy Reed Celebrant – The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

9.00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Lector - Don Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers – Martha Steves, Gordon Dunkley, Mardi Dunkley, Bob Cotton

Acolytes – Tyler Kuykendall, Lili Kuykendall, Mac Kuykendall, Kate Van Zandt, Elise Rubiola, Jordan Rubiola, Ali Fowler, Daisy Bousquet **Ushers** - Keith Hughey, Bob Buchanan, Gary Chambers, Jack Hebdon Jr., Mike Kuykendall, Park Lawrence, David Ross, George Vassar

Altar Guild – Laura Gunn, Marilou Long, Amanda Talaat

Preacher – The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton **Celebrant** – The Rev. Carol Morehead **Gospel** - The Rev. Matthew Wise

11.15am, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Lector - Holly Zook, Andrew Morrison

Eucharistic Ministers - Pam Slocum, Brian Zook, Larry Harrison, Veda White

Acolytes - Scott Allison, Taylor Allison, Jules Boudreaux, Zachariah Linson, Olivia Briley, Carmen Grimes, Jacqueline Grimes, Kyle Roach-Compton

Ushers - Albert Vale, John Dempsey, Dean Glass, Carl Leafstedt, Jimmy Satel, Trey Thompson

Altar Guild - Mike Duffey, Dean Glass, Julie Mock

Preacher – The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton Celebrant – The Rev. Carol Morehead Gospel - The Rev. Matthew Wise