



March 2, 2022 ❖ 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm

The noon service is in person only and will not have music as part of the worship.

At 7:30 pm you may attend in person or via livestream:

- Zoom (bit.ly/stmikessunday Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)
 - Facebook Live (facebook.com/SMAACDM).
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The Word of God

PRELUDE *I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ* attr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—
²a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

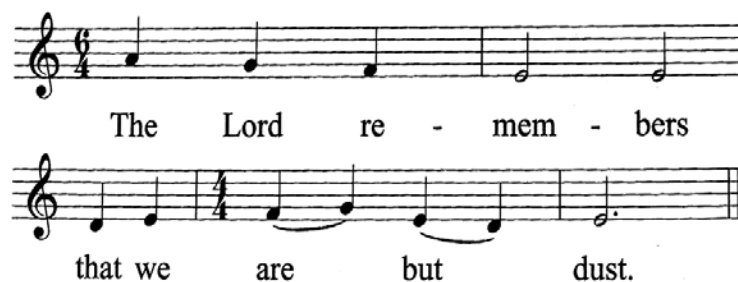
¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’ ”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-14

The St. Michael Section Leaders, Cantors
Refrain (Cantor, then All)



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He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. **Refrain**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us. **Refrain**

As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b, 6:10

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not

killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 150

Forty days and forty nights

Aus der Tiefe

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system has five lines of lyrics. The second system also has five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Assisting Priest ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.

LENTEN INVITATION

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

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.*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

- ⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹²Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (1542/3-1623)

*Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum,
unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto pro nobis praegustatum
in morte examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Marie,
miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who suffered in anguish on the cross to redeem us;
from whose side, pierced by a spear, came forth both water and blood,
be at our last hour a source of consolation to us.
O loving, O holy, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We are delighted to welcome you to St. Mike's!

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

We publicly livestream our 9:00 am Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: bit.ly/stmikessunday (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: facebook.com/SMAACDM

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

Choir: Rusty Vail, Mary Bailey, Vincent Loza, Scott Ziemann

A Time of Prayer moved to the second Wednesday in March

With Ash Wednesday falling on March 2, we are moving our monthly **A Time of Prayer** service to March 9 at 2:00 pm. Watch your email for bulletin download and Zoom link information.

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life.

Five Wednesday nights in Lent, beginning on March 6, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in Michael's Room and on Zoom.

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton and The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart will be leading this event with soup and salad provided by St. Mike's ministries.

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Small Groups and Adult Christian Education

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below.
For more information, visit our website: www.stmikescdm.org.

Sundays at 10:30

In the Davis Library and on Zoom

On Mar. 6 we will continue watching and reflecting on *From Jesus to Christ*, a PBS Frontline series exploring the life of Jesus.

Join on Zoom: bit.ly/sundaysat10

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our full schedule on our [website](#).

Contact: [Kim Montgomery](#)

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

In March, we will attend (virtually) a series of classes offered by Bloy House about Faith and Grief. The subject for March 8 is, *What do the scriptures teach us about grieving?*

Join on Zoom: bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: [Beth Bianchi](#)

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room and Zoom

Discussing *Angels of the Bible* by Kate Moorehead.

Join on Zoom: bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: [Susan Caldwell](#)

Inklings Book Group

Third Thursdays at 9:30 am in the David Library and Zoom

Discussing *Reflections on the Psalms* by C. S. Lewis.

Join on Zoom: bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: [Susan Caldwell](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am on the Patio

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: [Barbara Stewart+](#) at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am on the Patio

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: [Kim Montgomery](#)

Visit our church calendar for more:

www.stmikescdm.org/events