



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

Welcome to St. Mark's.

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

PRELUDE *Choral partita on "Christ You Are the Light of Day"* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 469

Sing Praises Old and New

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant If we say that 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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

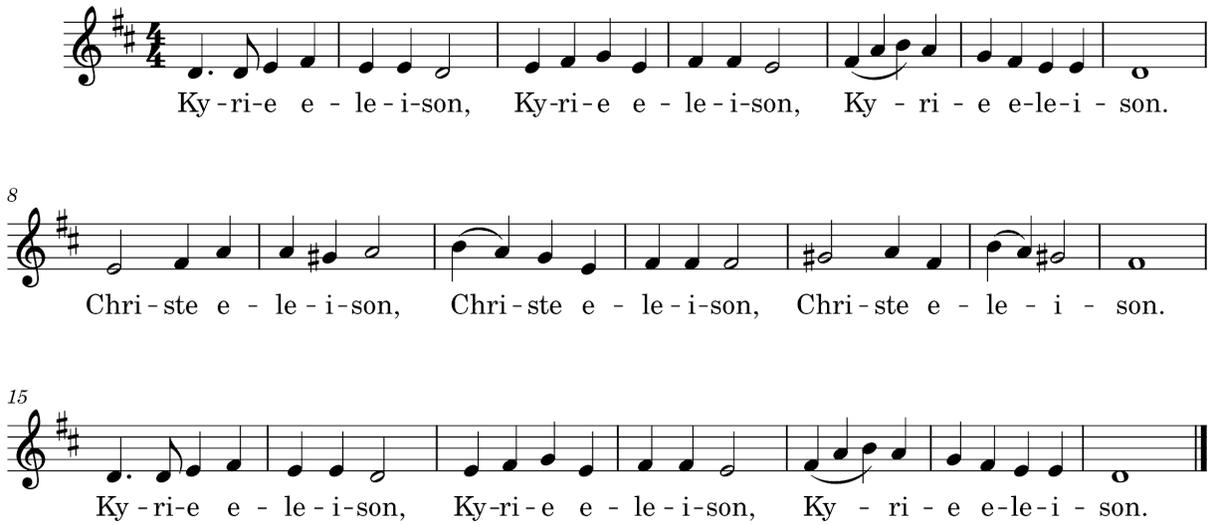
All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan (1880-1968) *Missa da Sancta Maria Magdalena*



Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky - ri - e e-le-i - son.

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Chri-ste e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le - i - son.

15
Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky - ri - e e-le-i - son.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
through the waters of baptism
your Son has made us children of light.
May we ever walk in his light
and show forth your glory in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: Wes Turner

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

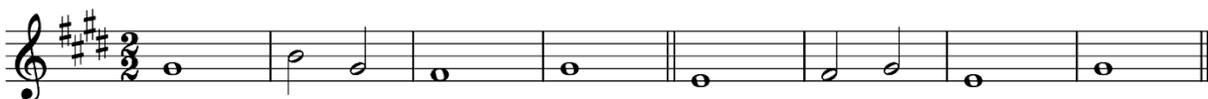
I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint 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 Thanks be to God.

PSALM *sung by all*

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Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)



The Lord / is ● my / Shep- / herd;*
I / shall not / be in / want.

He makes me lie / down in / green / pastures*
and / leads me ● be- / side still / waters

--- / He re- / vives my / soul*
and guides me along right pathways / for his / name's / sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death / I shall / fear no / evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff they / comfort / me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of / those who / trouble / me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my / cup is / running / over.

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 READING

Ephesians 5:8-14
Reader: Wes Turner

For 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 Thanks be to God.

All stand

HYMN 446

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

THE GOSPEL

13:1-3, 11b-32

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As he 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 neighbours 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 be-come 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 worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Susan MacLaren

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Diane Turner

Leader With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,
we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to
the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,
we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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 with angels and archangels
 and all who have served you in every age,
 we raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Healey Willan *Missa da Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
 9 earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most
 15 high. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he that com-eth
 22 in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All remain standing or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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.

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread.
People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Healey Willan *Missa da Sancta Maria Magdalena*

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the

6 1. repeat two times 3.
sins of the world, have mercy u - pon us. Grant

14
us thy peace.

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Michael Praetorius

Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir, Herr Gott, erhoer' mein Rufen, Dein gnädig' Ohren kehr zu mir, und meiner Bitt' sie öffnen! Denn so du willst das sehen an, was Sünd' und Unrecht ist getan, Wer kann, Herr, vor dir bleiben?

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

After communion, all stand for

HYMN

Music: *St Mary Edmund Prys* (1544-1623)

Text: John Marckant (d. 1586)



O Lord, turn not a - way thy face from
 Which gate thou open' - est wide to those that
 And call me not to mine acc - ount how
 So come I to thy mer - cy gate where
 Mer - cy, good Lord, mer - cy I ask, this

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him that lies pros - trate, la - men - ting
 do la - ment their sin: Shut not that
 I have liv - ed here; for then I
 mer - cy doth a - bound, re - quir - ing
 is the to - tal sum; For mer - cy,

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sore his sin - ful life be - fore thy mer - cy gate.
 gate a - gainst me, Lord, but let me en - ter in.
 know right well O Lord, how vile I shall ap - pear.
 mer - cy for my sin to heal my dead - ly wound.
 Lord, is all my suit: Lord, let thy mer - cy come.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

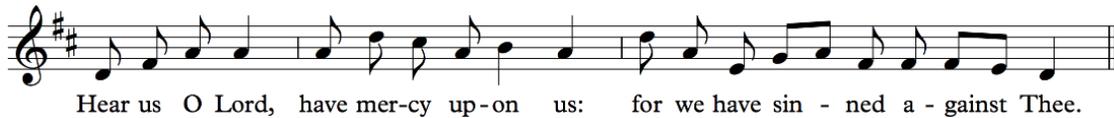
Celebrant Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE LENT PROSE

Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.

The Cantor sings the verses and the Congregation sings the refrain where indicated



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: way of salvation, gate of life celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

Refrain

VOLUNTARY *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Jeffrey Honoré (b. 1956)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, March 22 – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Choral Evensong at 5 pm
With the Choir of Trinity College, Toronto
Thomas Bell, Director of Music

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES 2026

Sunday, March 29 – *Palm Sunday*

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Monday, March 30

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 31

10:30 am Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows and Holy Eucharist
(at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton – 252 James Street North)
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 1

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 2 – *Maundy Thursday*

5:00 pm The Maundy Ceremonies

Friday, April 3 – *Good Friday*

12 noon The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 5 – *Easter Day*

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Sung Eucharist

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