



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

Sunday, March 1, 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.*

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PRELUDE *Meditation*

Richard Elfyn Jones

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 505

*Be Thou My Vision*

*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.

*Gospeller* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

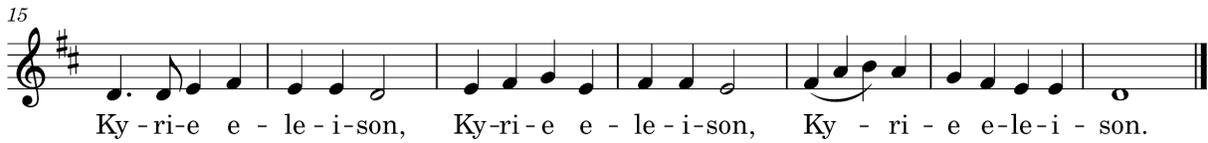
*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
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*



THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross,  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who lives 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

*Reader:* Steve Hinchliffe

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make

your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

PSALM

121  
Tone iv, 6



I lift up my eyes to the hills;\*  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes **from** the Lord,\*  
the maker of heav'n and **earth**  
He will not let your **foot** be moved.\*  
and he who watches over you will not fall **as-** leep  
Behold, he who keeps watch over **Is-rael**\*  
shall neither slumber nor **sleep**;  
The Lord himself watches **o-ver** you,\*  
the Lord is your shade at your right **hand**,  
So that the sun shall not strike **you** by day,\*  
nor the moon by **night**.  
The Lord shall preserve you from **all** evil\*  
it is he who shall keep you **safe**.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your **com-ing** in,\*  
from this time forth for ever- **more**.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Reader:* Steve Hinchliffe

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made

you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

**HYMN 559**

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

## 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:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

*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.**

*Leader* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,  
and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this  
new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, or be  
overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**HYMN 619**

*Beautiful Saviour*



*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  
sins of the world, have mercy u - pon us. Grant  
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  
Gluten free wafers are available*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Christian Prein

Schaffe in mir Gott ein reines Herz und gib mir einen neuen beständigen Geist. Verwirf mich nicht vor deinem Angesicht, und nimm deinen heiligen Geist nicht von mir. Erfreue mich wieder mit deiner Hilfe und mit einem willigen Geist rüste mich aus!

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

- Psalm 51:11-13

*After communion, all stand for*

**HYMN – printed on the insert**

*Now is the Healing Time Decreed*

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 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

*Choral Dorien*

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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