

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Marks' Anglican Church

Facebook Live – Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 10:30 AM

Announcements

The Gathering

The grace and peace of our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As we prepare for Easter, when we shall reaffirm the baptismal covenant, let us continue to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Let us pray.

Holy God,

in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.

Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;

through Jesus Christ, the Saviour who shows compassion. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(John 9:1-12)

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon
Silence

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,
We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prompt: Merciful God,

Response: **We happily trust in you.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
let us make ready our hearts
to reaffirm the covenant of our baptism.

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

How faithfully have we continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, repented and returned to the Lord?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

How faithfully have we proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

How faithfully have we sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

How faithfully have we worked for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

How faithfully have we worked to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, respecting, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth?

Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
we pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

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

May we continue in our Lenten journey.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.