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WELCOME

St. Mark's is a community of believers and seekers committed to being queer-affirming and anti-racist, reflecting the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We are a place where people of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities are welcomed, celebrated for their gifts, and invited to share in God's embrace. As an expression of our faith, we strive to stand in solidarity with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

_____ **3rd Sunday of Lent | MARCH 8, 2026 | 10:30 AM** _____

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Come, All Christians, Be Committed -arr. Hayes | David Bracerros-Hamm

WELCOME

The Rev. Tracy Daub

CENTERING SONG no. 48 *Rain Down*(sung twice)

**Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love, God of life.**

^CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted, Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
Jan Prinz | Liturgist

One: If you need good news,

All: we have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,

All: with God there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: in God we discover joy abounding.

One: We gather together to bear witness to the good news of God's love.

^GATHERING HYMN no. 26 *Earth and All Stars!*

^GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

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O God, with you the impossible is possible. And yet, we look around at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We do not truly trust in your power or presence. We forget the many ways you have empowered disciples before us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more, forgive us when we refuse to be part of your change and your possibilities. Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God's grace is wide and inclusive. God's mercy is abundant and surprising.
God's love is steadfast and unending. This is the good news of the Gospel!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

^PASSING THE PEACE

As a forgiven people, we extend the hand of peace and reconciliation to one another saying:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

^HYMN OF PRAISE no. 447 *We Are Forgiven* (sung twice)

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 | New Revised Standard Version

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44 | New Revised Standard Version

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon your gifts of the bread and the cup, that we may be united with the living Christ and with one another through your love and grace.

Through the power of your Spirit, lead us to live as members of your household: doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God.

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION HYMN no. 527 *Eat This Bread*

**Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

^ SENDING HYMN no. 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

^ CHARGE from 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

**Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted.
Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone.
Love and serve Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

^BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* -arr. Hayes | David Braceros–Hamm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: The family and friends of John Morgan (died February 5, 2026), May Trees (health concerns), Jeanette Jones (health concerns), Martha Ortiz (health concerns), Rob Selby (health issues) and the Selby Family.

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OFFICE HOURS
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Monday-Thursday: 9AM-Noon

OUR PURPOSE
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Jesus Christ calls us to be a joyful community that celebrates God's love, transforms lives, and is a force for justice in the world.

OPPORTUNITIES

March 8, 2026

To view the live church calendar please visit www.stmarksaz.org
To join the church email list please email churchadmin@stmarksaz.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Jan Prinz; Usher: Margaret Wilkie; Greeter: JP Berdine; Communion servers: Michael Block, Carol Tribble, and Martha Osborne; Communion setup/cleanup: Berry Roberts and Audrey Harding; Livestream: Lori Block, John Jewett, and Irvin Richards.

BIG COFFEE: Social Sunday at St. Mark's today! Join for treats, coffee, and conversation.

INTERMENT FOR REV. MIKE SMITH: will be in the Columbarium after worship today.

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: will meet on March 9 at 10am in the Office Conference Room.

THE COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: will meet on March 10 at 4pm in the Office Conference Room.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE: will meet on March 11 at 4:30pm in the Office Conference Room.

REGISTRATION FOR MONTLURE SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN: It's never too early to look at your summer calendars and make plans for summer camp! Escape the upcoming summer heat to the cool and crisp air of Greer, AZ. Campers make memories of a lifetime at camp! More details at montlure.org.

Overnight Camps:

10-12th Grade: June 7-12

9-10th Grade: June 14-19

7-8th Grade: June 21-26

5-6th Grade: June 28-July 3

4-6th Grade: July 6-10

Camp in the City:

See website for dates and locations!



What does the Lord require of you? **To do justice** and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8. Responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the world's most vulnerable.



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING: Sponsored by the Faith Formation Ministry Team, there are 4 new small

groups that have formed.

- Young adults under 45 led by Martha & Paul Osbourne
- Week day meeting at Cascades led by Sylvia Thorson-Smith
- Friday at lunch time led by Cathy & Art Lurvey
- Saturday evening led by Rachael Eggebeen



Use the QR code to the right to sign up, or see Rachael Eggebeen or any member of Faith Formation for more information.

FOOD & HYGIENE PANTRY: Our food pantry helps many in our community, especially during these troubled times. Many thanks to everyone who brought much needed items for the food & hygiene pantry. Please place your donations in the red wagon in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the office during business hours. Thank you to all who have donated. We continue to be very busy and are in need of:

For the Food Pantry, we need:

- Prepared canned beans
- Prepared Rice
- Saltine crackers
- Cereal
- Peanut butter in squeeze containers
- Unrefrigerated milk
- Macaroni and cheese in cups (just add water)

For the Hygiene Closet, we need:

- Deodorant - for both men and women
- Shampoo
- Chapstick
- Soap

ISKASHITAA REFUGEE NETWORK NEEDS: bags of onions, garlic potatoes, apples; cans of tuna and tomatoes; sugar, flour, beans (dry and lentil), cooking oil, white corn flour, and pasta.

26 Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

When We Are Living

822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



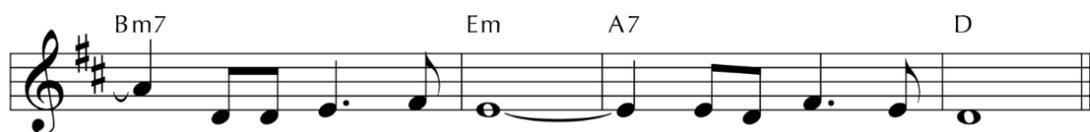
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.